

A Heart-Warming Yuletide Story--A Mountain Widow's Christmas Gift

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On a cold, rainy day in December, 1919, during the last days of the drive to secure pledges in the 75 Million Campaign, I sat in the comfortable office of a young attorney friend of mine

in the city of Asheville, N. C. This attorney, a former member of the popular First Church, in order to be of more service to his Master, had several months previously moved his membership to a smaller and less influential church located in the mill district in the west end of the city. Here he had been placed in charge of the 75 Million Campaign for his church.

While we were discussing the probabilities of the West End Church pledging its quota, a woman, probably sixty years old, entered the office. She was very poorly clad, her shoes were worn and broken through in many places; her dress was patched, and her entire costume was rendered more pitiable by reason of the fact that she was wet to the skin. Her only protection from the

cold rain was a small shawl, known to a previous generation as a "fascinator." Placing a comfortable chair near a radiator, the attorney led his visitor to it as he introduced her to me as one of the most faithful members of the West End Church. As her teeth chattered from the cold, the woman said:

"La, now, young man, you mustn't believe him. He's always sayin' some-

thin' to make me feel good when he knows I'm so poor I can't hardly do nothin' for the church."

As the poor old soul sat warming I studied her features. Her face, her hands, her costume spoke eloquently of a lifetime of struggle for the barest necessities. Her eyes told better than words that she had met life's rebuffs unafraid and had come through them

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Religion Issue Top 1960 Story

NASHVILLE — (BP) — The top story in the United States for 1960 was the election of a new president. The so-called "religious issue" tied in with that campaign has been se-

lected top 1960 news item among Southern Baptists.

Editors of the Baptist Press, Southern Baptist Convention news agency, voted this the top story. Only one editor failed to mark it as No. 1 on the ballot.

With a score of 319 points on 30 ballots, it far outdistanced the second place story. This was the reported slackening in Southern Baptists' rapid growth.

Second Place

The second place story did not poll any first-place votes but secured enough seconds, thirds, and fourths, to make a score of 222 points. Trailing it in third place as story of the year was Southern Baptist participation in the Baptist World Congress at Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, in June and July.

NO RECORD NEXT WEEK

According to custom of many years, there will be no issue of the Baptist Record next week.

Please watch for the next issue which will appear Jan. 5.

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Missions Conferences To Be Held Jan. 16-27

The annual series of World Missions Conferences will be held Jan. 16-27, it has been revealed by Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Associate Executive Secretary.

Scheduled to attend each conference will be local church leaders, officers, and workers as well as associational officers, leaders and superintendents of missions.

The principal inspirational speaker for the first week will be Dr. Wyatt Hunter, pastor of First Church, McComb, while the speaker for the second week will be Rev. Schuyler Batson, pastor of First Church, Oxford.

Brief Messages

Brief messages will be brought at each meeting by Dr. Joe T. Odle, Editor of the Baptist Record; Rev. Ralph B. Winders, Director of Student Work; Rev. C. M. Day, Director of Temperance Activities, all of the State Convention Board, and Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

A series of conferences is scheduled, with leaders as follows:

For Deacons, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, who will assist Mr. Sansing in directing the conferences; pastors, Mr. Sansing;

treasurers and financial secretaries, Arthur L. Nelson, business manager; Sunday School workers, Bryant Cummings, Sunday School secretary; Training Union workers, Kermit S. King, T. U. secretary.

WMU Conference

Also, W. M. U. workers, Miss Edwina Robinson, WMU secretary; Brotherhood workers, Rev. E. L. Howell, Brotherhood secretary; music workers, W. C. Morgan, church music secretary; Superintendents of Missions, Dr. Foy Rogers, Secretary of Cooperative Missions; and Deans of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Dr. W. P. Davis, secretary, Negro Work Department, all of the State Convention Board, Jackson.

Others participating in conference leadership will be Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, state Convention president, and W. R. Roberts, State Representative of the Annuity Board of Dallas.

Each conference will begin at 7 p.m. and adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

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CHRISTIANS HEAR CALL FOR 'COFFEE BREAK EVANGELISM'

COLUMBUS, O. — (RNS) — "Coffee break evangelism" was recommended here by a national Methodist leader as a way to win more persons to Christ and the church.

Harold S. Rogers of Nashville, the denomination's director of personal evangelism, said that "the average American spends perhaps 83 hours a year in coffee breaks."

"It would be a significant contribution to Christianity if Christians would use some of this discussion time to talk to their friends about Christ," he told laymen and laywomen attending the annual meeting of the Methodist National Lay Committee on Evangelism.

MISSOURI BOARD IN HOSPITAL ACTION

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The executive Board of the Missouri Baptist Convention in its quarterly meeting here has announced that it will recommend to the convention in its annual meeting next October the complete termination of all relationship with the Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis unless the hospital should decide before that time to meet the following conditions—

1. The hospital would "reject the Hill-Burton grant of monies" recently announced; 2. The hospital would "return the pledge of the Anheuser-Busch Foundation, or any

other pledges or monies received from like interests"; 3. The hospital would "agree to become a member of the Missouri Baptist Convention family of institutions."

The Board's action was taken following recent announcement that the Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis had accepted a grant of \$662,351.00 from Hill-Burton funds. The grant was accomplished through a foundation, but according to the Board's resolution "it is evident that Missouri Baptist Hospital is the beneficiary of this governmental grant."

Violates Principle

The resolution further stated that the acceptance of the Hill-Burton grant "is in complete violation of the principle of separation of church and state, which we, as Missouri Baptists, have repeatedly enunciated. The Executive Board of the Missouri Baptist Convention is embarrassed that this institution with which we have had a working connection in the past would so callously disregard a sacred principle which Baptists generally have so strongly supported."

The board also took notice of recent news releases on the matter by stating that "the news releases relating to the hospital's acceptance of this governmental money might be interpreted by the public as indicating that the Missouri Baptist Convention was in agreement with and a party to this transaction. We, hereby, declare that neither the Missouri Baptist Convention nor its Executive Board had any knowledge of the hospital's application for government funds, (Continued on Page 2)

Baptisms For 1960 To Approach 400,000

ATLANTA — (BP) — Southern Baptists will baptize nearly 400,000 during 1960, according to Dr. C. E. Autrey of Dallas, director of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board.

Autrey made the announcement in Atlanta to a meeting of the executive secretaries of the state conventions of the denomination. The state leaders were hearing reports of the work of the Home Mission Board.

"Our statistical office has placed the figure at 388,560," Autrey said, "but many states have hundreds unreported, and by the end of the year we should be knocking on the door of 400,000."

Fifty of associations have not reported and estimates have been substituted. "This figure of 388,560 is not to be taken as the official report," Autrey said, "but it seldom varies significantly from this."

Last Year Highest

Last year the churches reported 429,963, the highest figure on record. Earlier reports had anticipated a decrease. Some estimates, according to Autrey, expected a drop of between one-third and one-fourth below last year.

These estimates, coming at a time of decreased student enrollment in seminaries and a slowing down of mission giving and growth in other work, had intensified the interest in the baptism figure.

"Actually our baptism report is off much less than the decline of other phases of work and much less than some anticipated," Autrey said.

He did emphasize a percentage decline in an increase in baptisms. "In the last five years Southern Baptists have

gained only nine per cent in over-all growth as against 20 per cent in the previous five years," he warned.

Not Become Pessimistic

"We should not become pessimistic," Autrey said. "God doesn't respond to fear, but to faith." He then asked for improved public relations, more enlargement programs in Sunday Schools, a return to techniques in evangelism, and a renewed emphasis on Baptist distinctives.

"We are not preaching enough doctrine," he warned. "Evangelism is not complete until we have grounded our people where they will not be blown off course by the slightest wind."

This report was made at the annual meeting of church building consultants from 27 Baptist state conventions here

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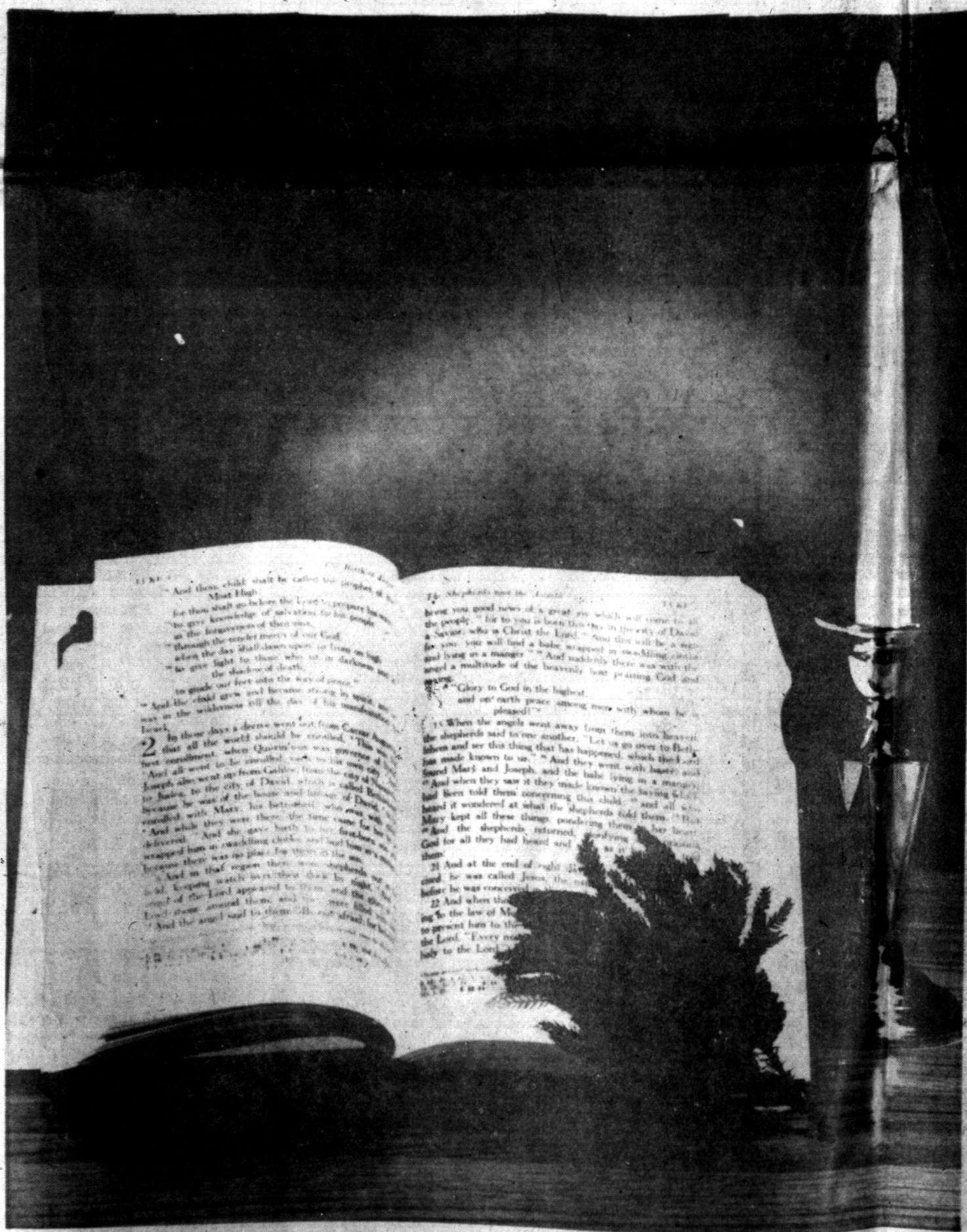
Dec. 12-13.

W. A. Harrell, department secretary, said that Southern Baptists are experiencing the largest volume of new church construction than anytime during the past. Even a larger volume of construction is anticipated, as a result of the large number of new churches being started and existing churches wanting to enlarge their buildings to care for more people.

State Conferences Planned

Special conferences on church building are planned in 24 states for early 1961, Harrell said.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD WISHES ITS READERS A
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

A Heart-Warming

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all with the dress burned away and the gold in her nature refined. Poor, wet and bedraggled as she was, there was something in her manner that indicated true nobility. Instinctively one could recognize in her a person who knew Jesus—a woman who would be welcomed at the bedside of a dying saint or sinner—one who could weep with those who weep or laugh with those who laugh.

In an undertone my friend told me something of her history. Being left a widow without funds a few years previously, she had gone to make her home with an only daughter, whose husband was killed in a railroad accident shortly afterwards. Soon after this disaster the younger woman's health failed, probably because of hard work and undernourishment, leaving the grandmother with a semi-invalid daughter and four small children to provide for.

"How in the world they have managed to live is more than I can understand," my friend continued. "She says she just trusts the Lord for her daily needs and that he has always supplied them. Her's is the greatest faith I have ever seen."

Having warmed and partially dried herself, the old lady explained the reason of her call.

Brings Last Cent To The Lord
"I hear the Campaign is nearly done and that West End Church ain't a-goin' to get her share," she said. "Now that's too bad, ain't it? I'm afraid to make any pledge, I'm so poor, but the Lord has done so much for me I want to show my gratitude some way. This thirty cents is all the money I've got in this world, so I brought that to you today. The devil tried to make me ashamed to offer it, it's so little; but I told my daughter I was going to bring it and maybe the Lord would find a way somehow so it would help. My daughter tried to keep me from comin' and said that the money ought to be saved to get the children some Christmas tricks and that the rain would be bad for my rheumatism. I told her that God would provide for the children and that he wouldn't let rheumatism bother me when I was tryin' to serve him."

"But even after I got ready to come the devil tried to keep me from it. When I went to hitch the old mare I found she had hurt her foot so bad she couldn't hardly walk. But I said, 'No, I'm a-goin'.' So I walked and here I am."

Walked Eleven Miles To Bring 30 Cents
"You don't mean to say you walked in the rain all the way from your home here, do you?" exclaimed the attorney. "Why, it's eleven miles to where you live."

"Yes, I did," the woman replied. "I wanted to help in the Campaign by bringin' the little I had. I wish I had more to give; but that's all I've got."

"Your offering makes me ashamed of myself and of the members of West End Church," the attorney declared as his voice broke. "That thirty cents will put us 'over the top' unless I am greatly mistaken. When the folks hear about it some of them will do as I am going to do—double their pledge."

As I tried vainly to hide my tears and swallow the lump in my throat I became sincerely ashamed of the pledge I had made to the 75 Million Campaign. I wondered what the Lord had thought of it as compared to the thirty cents brought by this woman—a poor widow's all—or in the light of the sacrifice made by his Son on Calvary. I slipped out of the office feeling small enough to almost crawl thru the keyhole. I hunted up the First Church's Campaign manager and explained to him that the total amount of my five-year pledge was intended only as one year's quota. I also told him that conditions in my office had so improved as to make it possible for me to find time to help him in the final round-up. The seemingly good excuse I had given a few days previously to evade this work appeared to lose weight when I thought of the widow and her thirty cents.

Story of Gift Stirred Others
As a stimulus to the campaign I wrote an article for the newspaper I was then serving as managing editor, telling of

COSTA RICA CHURCHES HAVE REVIVAL SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is moving in the hearts of God's people in the tiny Central American republic of Costa Rica, reports Dr. Thomas W. Hill, Southern Baptist missionary stationed there.

Fifty-five decisions for Christ, many of them professions of faith, were made during a "spectacular" evangelistic campaign conducted by Cinco Esquinas Baptist Church, San Jose, recently. These new converts are being enrolled in baptismal classes for the training required of all candidates for church membership. "Pray that not a single one will be lost to the church," Dr. Hill asks.

Prayer Meeting
First Baptist Church, San Jose

the poor old woman walking through the rain, eleven miles and return, to contribute thirty cents—a "that she had"—to the campaign. The effect on the local 75 Million drive was electrical. Pledges were increased ten-fold in some instances. Every church in the city raised its quota, and in a few instances almost doubled the amount asked.

The story of the widow's sacrifice was republished in dozens and dozens of newspapers—both religious and secular. It was retold by campaign workers all over North Carolina and in other states. One denominational leader declared it was the largest single contribution, in point of results, recorded in the campaign.

Being rich in what the newspaper fraternity denominates "H. I." (human interest), I rewrote the story and submitted it to a syndicate service that served about five hundred daily newspapers scattered throughout the several states of the Union. With the story I submitted photographs of the woman, her daughter and grandchildren and of her home, a two room log cabin with a "lean-to" with cracks between the logs, where the mud daubing was missing, wide enough to throw a dog through, provided the dog was not more than a day or two old.

I was in doubt as to whether the story would be accepted by the syndicate, and I did not expect remuneration of more than a few dollars in case it was accepted. Imagine my surprise when I received a check that amounted to more than my increased pledge for five years! Accompanying the check was a letter from the editor-in-chief stating that my story was "the best that has ever passed over his desk."

Syndicate Carried Christmas Suggestion
The syndicated story, illustrated with the photographs, was sent to each of the five hundred clients of the organization and was printed by practically every one of them. Accompanying the story was a suggestion from the syndicate's editor that those who read it should share of the abundance of their Christmas cheer with the poor family that had given all for Christ's cause. The story was released for publication about one week before Christmas. I was asked by the syndicate to visit the widow's home on or about January 1 to see if anyone had responded to the editor's suggestion and write a "follow-up" story. January 1 being a half holiday, with only one edition of the paper, I visited the widow's mountain cabin eleven miles from the city.

Jose, is also experiencing a revival—through prayer. For several weeks pastor Adrian Gonzales encouraged his people to come to the hour of prayer expecting the Lord to do something special. Then at the close of a prayer meeting a young man asked to speak, and spontaneously confessed his sins and shortcomings. Others followed his example, admitting sins of indifference, unfaithfulness in tithing, and so forth, so that the period of confession and one of prayer that followed continued until 11 o'clock. Succeeding prayer meetings have been rich spiritual experiences for the members of First Church, says Dr. Hill.

The Baptist churches in Costa Rica are now making plans for a united effort through simultaneous revivals. "Pray that the movements of the spirit in these two churches may continue and spread to the others," the missionary urges.

Cabin Crowded With Gifts
The interior of that cabin was like a great department store after a frenzied bargain sale. Both rooms and the "lean-to" were filled with articles of every description. There were dresses, suits, hats, shoes, underclothes, coats, and overcoats for every member of the family—many changes for each—made of every conceivable kind of material from worn-out and made over garments to the latest and most expensive Parisian creations, including party dresses. There were books enough to start a small library. There were more toys than any member of the family had ever seen before and candy enough to keep the children sick for the rest of the year. There were contributions of groceries ranging from a package of tapioca to several bags of flour; from a salt mackerel to a side of bacon.

A little crippled girl had nothing she prized more highly than her pet kitten so she sent it "to the little girl who has no papa and whose grandmother gave all her money to God."

Several hundred dollars in cash were received in amounts ranging from ten cents to twenty dollars. A number of prosperous business men wrote to instruct the grandmother to draw on them for any amount she needed. There were more than twenty requests from childless couples for permission to adopt one or more of the children. All of these were denied. There were hundreds of Christmas cards and letters bearing postmarks from every state in the Union.

I found the old lady in the midst of a great pile of miscellaneous articles. Her daughter was reading to her some of the cards and letters. Many of these were from those who had nothing to send but sympathy. As one of these was read the old lady said:

"Poor soul, I'm so sorry for her. I've got so much and she's got so little. I'm going to send her a box full of these things."

Credited God With A Miracle
It soon dawned on me that the old lady was giving God credit for a miracle because of the unprecedented shower of good things. She knew nothing of the syndicated story or of the editor's suggestion that she and her family be remembered by those in more prosperous circumstances. There was nothing to excite comment in the fact that he used the rural mail carrier to deliver the answer to the prayer. With Christmas approaching and with nothing in sight to give her grandchildren and with the reproaches of her daughter for giving away their few pennies ringing in her ears, she had calmly carried the matter to God in prayer and had confidently awaited the answer—never doubting that he would grant her request in due time. Her only surprise was that God had apparently overestimated her needs.

"The Lord has been so good to me I just thought I shorley couldn't stand it," she said to me. "I knowed that the children would be awfully disappointed if we didn't get them some Christmas tricks and so I just asked the Lord to send us a few things for them. When the mail carrier commenced to bring packages here I just knowed my prayer was answered. I have just been praisin' him all week. I never was so happy in all my life."

Faith, Not Gift, Brought Reward
When it was suggested that the great shower of presents was a return from her thirty-cent gift to the 75 Million Campaign, she said:

"No; it ain't that. The Lord knows I never meant to make no show of that. That thirty cents was all I had. I wanted to do something for the poor heathen who don't have no gospel. So I took it in. There's some things the good Lord keeps us in darkness about, I reckon, and how all these presents come to be sent here is one of them. But how do you reckon all these folks got my name and address?"

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."



AT FIRST CHURCH, PURVIS, L. V. Murray, General Chairman of the Building Committee and Chairman of the Planning Committee, is shown as he broke ground for the church's new sanctuary. Rev. Harold O'Chester stands in the background. In the area for the groundbreaking, a large cross was outlined by flour, near the spot where the pulpit of the new sanctuary will be located.

Purvis Begins New Sanctuary

One of the largest crowds of the year was present to witness groundbreaking ceremonies at Purvis, First Church, officially starting the construction of a new \$178,370.00 sanctuary.

Following brief remarks and introductions, persons representing every department in the church, including the juniors, stepped forward and broke ground.

On August 14 the congregation voted approval of the new auditorium. At that time Rev. Harold O'Chester, pastor, termed the move "one of the greatest steps ever taken at First Baptist Church."

The new sanctuary will face the Masonic Lodge in the center of Purvis and will connect to an education building erected several years ago thus forming a "T"-shaped structure.

The auditorium will be 55 feet wide and 110 feet long with a seating capacity of 737.

It will contain a balcony capable of seating 160 people.

The front of the new auditorium will have a steeple approximately 120 feet high. It will also have four large white columns on the porch. The entire building will be of Colonial design and will closely resemble First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg.

The choir loft will be located behind the pulpit and will seat between 35 and 40 singers.

Much of the ground work in preparation for the construction of the new sanctuary was done by the Planning and Finance Committees of the Building Committee. L. V. Murray, who served as chairman, worked closely with C. E. Wilson who acted as chairman of the Finance Committee.

Other members of the church who served included G. E. Turner, T. E. Salter, Hinson Sandifer, Harvey Howell, Ruby Sue Cameron, Charles Roseberry, Paul Jenkins, Roger Martin, Sr., R. L. Anderson, and Dr. L. Z. Broadus.

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

Your student workers trust your experiences of the coming holiday season will remind you anew of the living Christ who entered the world as the Babe of Bethlehem, and may His Spirit bless you, guide you, and protect you throughout 1961.

Kathryn Bearden Baptist Hospital Jackson	Jewel Hannah William Carey College Hattiesburg
James A. Breland Delta State College Cleveland	R. A. Herrington Holmes Jr. College Goodman
Glady's Bryant Itawamba Junior College Fulton	W. Frank Horton Miss. State University State College
Caby E. Byrne, Jr. Mississippi College Clinton	Bob W. Hunt Northeast Jr. College Booneville
J. B. Costilow Clarke College Newton	Marian Leavell University of Mississippi University
Kenneth C. Duke Copiah-Lincoln Jr. Coll. Wesson	Jack Palmer East Miss. Jr. College Scooba
Rita Duke Blue Mountain College Blue Mountain	Mrs. Rolland D. Shaw Northwest Jr. College Senatobia
Rodney L. Ellis Southwest Jr. College Summit	Harold St. Gemme Non-Baptist Colleges Jackson
Louie Farmer, Jr. Mississippi Southern Hattiesburg	Bennie T. Warren Perkinson Jr. College Perkinson
Betty Jane Frew Hinds Jr. College Raymond	Betty Jeane Weeks MSCW Columbus

Ralph B. Winders, State Director
of Student Work
Mrs. James Curtis Hall, Office Secretary



FINE GROVE, Simpson County, recently dedicated their new building debt free. The church plant consists of auditorium, seven classrooms, space for baptistry, pastor's study, and two restrooms. The woodwork in the auditorium is done in knotty pine; the wainscot in the educational building is native pine. Aluminum windows and a steel door unit at the front give the building an impressive appearance. The pastor, Rev. R. R. Newman, led in the building program. Shown above are the pastor, deacons, and building committee at the dedication service.

School Matters Face Kentucky Baptists

MIDDLETOWN, Ky. —(BP) —Growing pains at two Baptist colleges, the traces of a bygone day at another Baptist school
The Executive Board of the

E. N. Wilkinson Suffers Attack

Dr. Wilkinson, pastor of Handsboro Church, Handsboro, is in the Memorial Hospital, Gulfport, where he is recovering from a heart attack suffered on December 8.

It is reported that the doctors have stated that there is no serious permanent damage and that he is making satisfactory progress. He expects to be moved back to his home in a short time.

Religious Issue - - -

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The Rio story got no first place votes but enough other support for a score of 184 points.

The only story to get a No. 1 marking, other than the "religious issue" was the birth of a new S B C agency. The Stewardship Commission was to come into being Jan. 1, 1961, by action of the 1960 S B C session.

The stewardship Commission story was in fourth place with a score of 119 points.

Top Ten

The editors listed their top stories from a ballot offering more than 20 potential "big stories." The consensus choices for stories rating from fifth through 10th, in order, are:

The race issue as Southern Baptists were affected, 106 points;

The report that more than 10,000 new churches and missions have formed since 1956 in a church extension drive, 97;

The effort of Nashville to tax Baptist agency property and discussion on the tax issue, 96.

The highs to which foreign and home missionary appointments have risen, 95 points;

Baptist reaction to efforts by religious groups to secure federal funds for parochial schools, 74.

The S B C becoming the first religious group to have a telephone leased wire service, 66.

General Association of Baptists in Kentucky faced these problems in its meeting here.

It approved a loan of \$400,000 to Georgetown college in the city of the same name. The government loan will enable the school to provide more dormitory space for students.

The board endorsed a bond issue of \$400,000 by Campbells-ville college at Campbells-ville. The bond issue will secure needed funds for student housing.

Confront Situation

In Magoffin Institute at Mountain Valley, Ky., the Board confronted a different situation. In time past when paved roads were scarce, and when public school facilities were not as available, Magoffin was a boarding school for elementary and high school grades.

Students walked over the mountains in eastern Kentucky to live and study at the school. They went home on weekends. Paved roads and better public schools reduced the need for a boarding school such as Magoffin.

An effort to make Magoffin a part of the Kentucky Baptist child care program did not succeed. The 1800 acres of school property will revert to heirs of the donors if the school folds.

The Executive Board appointed a committee to study what to do about Magoffin.

Mission Confs. - - -

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lows:

First week: Jan. 16, Clarksdale Church, Clarksdale; 17, Greenwood First; 19, Tupelo Calvary; and 20, Kosciusko First.

Second week: Jan. 23, Clinton Church, Clinton; 24, Laurel First; 26, Biloxi First and 27, McComb First.

Missouri Board - - -

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and were not asked for advice regarding this proposal."

For many years, the Missouri Baptist Convention has had a working relationship with the St. Louis hospital. Since its beginning, the hospital has been operated by a self-perpetuating board of managers but the Missouri Baptist Convention has contributed each year in varying amounts toward the support of the hospital.

Adopts Recommendation

Last October, the convention in its annual meeting in St. Louis adopted a recommendation of its Executive Board omitting Baptist Memorial Hospital in Kansas City and Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis from sharing in convention funds for operating needs of the two hospitals in 1961. At the same time, the convention voted to consider giving assistance in future capital needs of the hospitals.

The convention's action in regard to the operating needs of the hospitals was based on the fact that present day hospitals can make their own way as far as operating needs are concerned.

Report Shows - - -

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Attending the conference from Mississippi was Bryant Cummings, state Sunday School secretary who is the state consultant.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Church construction set a new November record of \$94,000,000, the U. S. census bureau reported here.

This was a decline of only \$2,000,000 from October, much less than the usual seasonal decline that occurs at this time of year as cold weather spreads over the Northern states.

Church construction was \$9,000,000 above the mark for November, 1959.

Construction for the first 11 months of 1960 was estimated at \$943,000,000, which already is a record for a single year.

Sunday School Board Lists 18 Programs

NASHVILLE — (BP) — The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention seeks to do its work through 18 major programs.

Dr. James L. Sullivan, the agency's executive secretary here, outlined those 18 programs in tentative form to a select group of top Baptist leaders meeting as guests of the board.

He said its "backbone of support and financial strength" is its program of publishing. The board furnishes graded Sunday School and Training Union quarterlies, music materials, church bulletins, films, books, and church supplies.

Two other programs are listed with publishing as income-producing although at the present time the other two have not quite attained that goal. They are book store operation in the various states and operation of summer assemblies at Glorieta, N. M., and Ridgecrest, N. C.

Although the two assemblies bring in \$250,000 a year less than they cost, according to Sullivan, "they are one of the greatest investments in our denominational life." They provide a place for Baptists to meet together and consider their witnessing activities.

Program Is Tentative
The board's education and service programs — 15 of them — "are financed by income from the programs of publishing, Baptist Book Store operation, and assembly operation,"

Sullivan said.

He emphasized that the program outline, "carefully-worded" by the board, is tentative. It was prepared for the program committee of the SBC executive committee to be a part of the SBC agency manual later on.

These education and service programs are: Sunday School work, Training Union work, student work, church music ministry, family life, church-related vocational guidance.

Church administration, general tract distribution, church architecture consultation, church library promotion, church recreation, research and statistical analysis.

Library research, co-operative work with state boards, and Southern Baptist Convention support through funds supplied to its operating expenses.

In a companion address, Dr. Albert McClellan of Nashville, described "program budgeting," now a policy of the SBC. After a convention-directed survey of its work, it voted to ask agencies to submit outlines of their programs. These are considered along with the agencies' annual budgets.

The new method of programming does not "assume everything is fixed once and for all," McClellan added. "people change; styles change; concepts change. Programs must be more flexible than objectives." McClellan is program planning secretary of the executive committee.



THE 1960-61 Mississippi College Baptist Student Union Freshman Council: Front row, left to right: Norma Ann Price, Jackson; Mary Morgan, Jackson; Carla Essary, Memphis, Tenn.; Peggy Stallings, Thomastown, Ga.; Nicky Hobbs, Longview, Texas; Dot Turnipseed, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; back row, left to right: Jerry Rankin, Clinton; Mac Flowers, Laurel; Gordon Samsing, Jackson; John Speights, Jackson, Tenn.; Jinny Dickens, Thomastown; George Houston, Booneville; Ray Dykes, Jefferson City, Tenn.; Rhessa Davis, Raleigh, Tenn.; Phil Fortenberry, Tylertown. Not pictured: Ben Smith, Meadville; Tip Tipton, Hernando.

A New Policy Concerning Pictures

For the past two or three years the BAPTIST RECORD has published every photograph of GA Coronations which it has received, provided the photograph was of good enough quality to make a cut. During the past year almost one hundred of these pictures have appeared.

Using the pictures, however, has become increasingly a problem, because of the limitations of our space. In many cases the publication of the pictures has been delayed for weeks and even months, because we did not have room to use them. Moreover, we have often had to leave out other material in order to use them.

Because of these problems we have decided to adopt a policy of not using such photographs during 1961. This decision was reached only after careful deliberation, and conference with the WMU Department. We regret to take this action, but because of limitations of space and the increasing volume of such pictures it seemed to be the only course that we could follow.

We will, however, for the time being, publish photographs of those girls who have achieved steps above that of Queen, provided that the pictures were taken at the Coronation service. If several girls achieve the steps they should be photographed together. We are not requesting such photographs but will try to use them if they are received. This policy may be changed if the space problem continues. Please remember that it includes only steps above Queen, and does not include reaching the steps of Queen.

This is not the first time that such policies have had to be adopted. More than two years ago the policy was adopted of using only thumbnail photographs in connection with revival announcements, and about the same time it was decided to no longer publish Vacation Bible School photographs. When the volume of any type of photograph becomes too great some limitation is necessary.

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NEW RULE LIBERALIZES RETIRED PASTORS SERVICES

DALLAS, Texas — (BP) — A new rule that liberalizes the amount of time a retired minister may serve as an interim pastor and still draw his retirement income will take effect January 1.

Dr. R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, said the new rule follows a stair-step formula which lets the minister decide how long he can serve after he retires. The rule states:

If a minister retires at age 65 or earlier, he may serve any one church for three

months during a 12-month period; if he retires at age 66, he may serve five months; age 67, seven months; age 68, nine months; age 69, 10 months; age 70, 11 months; and age 71 or above, 12 full months.

Reed said the new rule will accomplish two things.

Two accomplishments Seen
"Primarily, it will let the retired minister keep busy in the service of the Lord, especially during the vast 30,000 Movement, now in progress, and it allows him to supplement his retirement income."

Reed said this is the third major modification to the provision as outlined in the protection plans. The plans originally provide that a minister must retire from all salaried denominational service before he can be eligible to draw his annuity.

The first amendment allowed a retired minister, regardless of his age, to serve as an interim pastor for up to three months during any 12-month period and still draw his retirement annuity.

Last March at the annual meeting of the Annuity Board, the trustees approved a rule which allowed a retired minister to serve as an interim pastor of a new mission or church for 12 months. (A church is designated as new if its name does not appear in the current associational minutes). This rule is still in effect and will run concurrently with the new ruling, Reed said.

Reed said the officers of the board, since the trustees' action, have been in consultation, regularly, with the actuary to determine how the rule could be liberalized even more without increasing the cost to the various state plans.

Russian Baptist Leaders Forward Season's Greetings

FORT WORTH, — Christmas greetings from executives of the Russian All-Union Council of Evangelical Baptist Christians were received from Moscow this week by Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director of Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission.

The typewritten letter read: "Brother Stevens, we heartily greet you and your family in connection with Christmas and the new year. We wish you blessings on your life and work and full joy in our Lord."

It was signed by J. Zhidkov, A. Karev, and I. Ivanov.

The most recent Institute of Student Opinion poll sponsored by Scholastic Magazines has revealed that a 10:00 P.M. curfew law for young people under sixteen is favored by a majority of teen-agers. More than 11,000 teen-agers in all sections of the country participated in the survey.

Tokyo Student Center Opens

"The primary purpose of the Tokyo Baptist Student Center is to lead students to Christ," Dr. Shiro Hirano said in the main address at the center's dedication on the Japanese Thanksgiving holiday, November 23, a day before the American Thanksgiving. Dr. Hirano, head of the science department of International Christian University and assistant pastor of Mitaka Baptist Church, both in Tokyo, has been on the Japan Baptist Convention's student center committee since the beginning of building plans.

The center is also designed to acquaint students with the local Baptist churches and to provide a central meeting place for fellowship for all Baptist students, who make up

only a fraction of Tokyo's 300,000 university students.

\$50,000 Gift

Built by the Japan Convention, with a \$50,000 gift from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, the center is located on both subway and streetcar lines — less than a minute from a subway station in the vicinity of four universities — and, thus, is accessible to students from all over the city. Its activities have been well attended since the opening on November 1.

The weekly schedule (Monday through Saturday) includes Bible classes for university and high school students, two sections of English conversation, introduction to Christianity, and music classes. A special series of lectures was held each Saturday in November. An expanded program is anticipated for the beginning of the new school year in April.

Pastor and Professor

Rev. Takaji Mitsushima, who has been both a pastor and a college professor, is director of the center, and Rev. Charles L. Martin, Jr., is the Southern Baptist missionary assigned to the staff. They are assisted in teaching by Missionaries Mary Josephine Randall, Charlie W. Fenner, and S. Kenneth Wood.

On the first floor the center has an auditorium which can be divided into two rooms, a lounge equipped with a stereo and records, a kitchen, the director's office, and an information desk. On the second floor are a library, a guest room, and an office.

The lounge was furnished by Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Price, of Portland, Ore., and friends as a memorial to their son, the late Henry Price, a volunteer for mission service in Japan who drowned shortly before he was to be discharged from the United States Air Force. He was stationed in the Far East for 18 months.

CRESTVIEW ORDAINS DEACON

Crestview Church, Petal, on Sunday, December 11, ordained James Austin as deacon.

J. C. Street read the Scripture; Vester Broome presented the new deacon; Rev. J. D. Thompson questioned the candidate; Curtis Waller gave the charge to the new deacon; P. D. Shows gave the charge to the church; L. J. Franks led the closing prayer. Coy Lowrey of Eastabuchie also participated in the service. Rev. B. W. Harmon is the pastor. Greetings were extended to the new deacon and his wife at the close of the service.

THE BAPTIST RECORD
KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED

Eight From Carey Named To Who's Who

Eight students from William Carey College have been named to appear in the national publication "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." This announcement was made by H. Pettus Randall, editor of the publication.

They are: Georgia Parnell, a senior from Sardis; is editor of The Crusader; and also secretary for the Student Government Association. She was recently elected Miss Carey College by the student body.

Dorman Laird of Tylertown, a senior and is president of the Baptist Student Union. He was also selected as Mr. Carey College for 1960-61.

Milton Wheeler, also a senior, is from Chickasaw, Alabama. Mr. Wheeler is president of the Student Government Association and former editor of The Cobbler, Carey's student newspaper.

Mary Summers is from Prichard, Alabama and is president of the Litan Society. Miss Summers, a senior, also serves as S. G. A. representative.

George Torney, one of the two juniors to receive this honor is from Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Torney is a gifted artist and is active in music, art, drama, and religious activities.

Bennie Ford, another junior is past president of the Baptist Student Union. Mr. Ford is a ministerial student from Hattiesburg.

Kaye Patrick is a senior from Valparaiso, Florida. She is an active member of the Carey Chorale and is secretary of Alpha Lambda.

Evelyn Harvey of Cantonment, Florida is also a senior. She is a member of Alpha Lambda and is active in the Carey Baptist Student Union.

NAMES In The News

Barry Landrum, Laurel, and Jimmy Street, Clinton have been elected chairman and co-chairman for Religious Emphasis Week at Mississippi College, to be held March 6-10. Rev. Brooks Wester, pastor of Park Place Church, Houston, Texas, will be the main speaker.

Rev. Mel Craft, former pastor of Centerville Church in Mississippi Association and now pastor in Chandler, Arizona, was elected vice-president of the Arizona Pastor's Conference.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Hamrick, missionaries to Indonesia, announce the birth of their third daughter, Connie Diana, at the Baptist Hospital in Kediri, Indonesia. They may be addressed, Box 6, Kediri, Java, Indonesia. Both are natives of Mississippi, he of Piave and she, the former Betty Jane Spiers, of Pearl River County.

Miss Ellen Waldrup, a native Mississippian and graduate of Mississippi College, has assumed her duties as educational secretary of Oak Grove Church in Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Fitts, appointees for Peru, have completed a year's study of the Spanish language in San Jose, Costa Rica, and have returned to the States for a brief period before proceeding to their field of service in Latin America. They may be addressed, Rte. 3, Box 996, Millington, Tenn. He is a native of Pontotoc; she is the former Jean Carlisle, of Lucy, Tenn.

George D. Crawford, minister of music, and Mrs. Crawford, minister of education, of Temple Church, Hattiesburg, have resigned effective December 31.

Dr. Charles A. Ray, pastor of North Greenwood Church, will be the guest speaker on December 22 at the Brotherhood meeting of Boyle Church, Rev. M. E. Perry, pastor.

Charles L. Sullivan was the speaker for the annual Ladies Night Brotherhood meeting of First Church, Pascagoula on December 20. He is the son of Rev. O. U. Sullivan.

Dr. Howard Spell, dean of instruction at Mississippi College, will be the teacher for Bible Study Week January 2-5 at Parkway Church, Jackson, Dr. G. Norman Price, pastor.

Mrs. J. P. Cook of Blue Mountain, recently retired elementary teacher in the Blue Mountain school system, was honored by the Parent Teachers Association at its last meeting. She taught from 1927 thru the 1960 session. Mrs. Cook, a graduate of Blue Mountain College, was presented with a gift from the faculty of the school in addition to a gift-check from the teachers and an engraved silver bracelet.

Cooper Walton, Jackson, moderator of Hinds County Association, was the speaker for the Brotherhood meeting of Parkway Church, Jackson, on December 20. Dr. G. Norman Price is pastor.

Graham Speaks In Grace Cathedral

SAN FRANCISCO (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham, alternately witty, imploring and humble, preached "with a sense of awe and fear" before an audience of 1,800 persons in Grace Cathedral (Episcopal) here.

"I have never thought I would have this opportunity to speak in this great cathedral," he told delegates to the Christian Men's Assembly, a two-day meeting which preceded the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches. "I am not a great preacher," he said. "I am not sure what I am."



PICTURED ABOVE is the group which attended the DEDICATED YOUTH CONFERENCE at Blue Mountain College. This conference was promoted by the Mississippi Baptist Training Union

Department with 226 registered for the meeting. Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, president of Blue Mountain College is pictured in the center of the group on the first row.

Christmas 1960

It is Christmas!
It is Christmas in every place where the message of the Lord Jesus Christ has been preached or told.

It is Christmas in America where this has become the greatest festival of the year. It is Christmas in England where began many of the special observances now so widespread in America. It is Christmas in Austria and other Eastern European lands where many of the great carols and customs of Christmas originated. It is Christmas in the Holy Land where even in the midst of conflict, hatred and strife, the spirit of Christ overshadows all else at this Christmas season. It is Christmas in Africa where Christian celebration has for many taken the place of paganistic rites. It is Christmas in Asia where in many homes the warmth of Christian love has displaced the coldness and death of former religions. It is Christmas in South America where the celebration takes place in the midst of the heat of mid-summer. It is Christmas in Alaska where the aurora borealis often dances above the lights on Christmas trees as they reflect on the fields of snow. It is Christmas on tropic isles where breezes blow through palm trees waving above the folded sand. It is Christmas even in Russia, where godless communism has failed in its effort to erase the memory of Christ and Christmas from the minds and hearts of men.

Yes it is Christmas almost everywhere. It is Christmas in the churches where sermons are preached on God's glorious gift, and choirs sing the joyous Christmas music. It is Christmas in homes, where loved ones gather, and happiness and joy cast their spell in hearts. It is Christmas in the cities where pressing throngs rush in their shopping, seeking gifts to be given at this happy time. It is Christmas in towns and villages where people go about their buying just as gleefully. It is Christmas in the rural areas, along the country roads and lanes. It is Christmas in hospitals and schools and other institutions. It is Christmas along the highways, the great plains and in the mountain valleys.

Many things remind us that Christmas is here. Chimes ring across the city. Young people carol in the streets. Christmas decorations and displays are everywhere. Christmas cards and messages bring greeting from friends far and near. Plans are all made for the homecoming of loved ones. Trains, buses, planes and highways are crowded with holiday travelers. Christmas shopping and gift wrapping keep many busy. White Christmas programs are in preparation and Christmas baskets will be carried to many homes. Green, white, silver and gold Christmas trees are seen everywhere. Children's faces are shining, and eyes are dancing with excitement and expectancy. There is happy fellowship at Christmas gatherings. Radio and television programs all tell us it is Christmas. The papers and magazines proclaim the message. Churches have had special sermons, glorious music and unusual services, all in observance of this glad time. Christmas, glorious Christmas, is everywhere about us, and everywhere else in the world where Christ is known. While the celebrations vary, the spirit is the same.

Christmas has come again even in the midst of the trouble and sorrow which seem to fill the earth. World leaders are frantically seeking ways of peace, while the threat of atomic war and extinction overshadows mankind. Revolution and unrest grip many areas. Forces that would take away liberty are constantly at work. Fear and uncertainty grip the hearts of men. Every news cast seems to tell of more tragedy. Yet, in the midst of all of this, comes Christmas with love and hope.

Why does Christmas mean so much to the world? How can the simple observance of a day set the whole world to activity and to celebration? How can this season do so much for the hearts of men?

There is only one explanation. The reason for Christmas is the Lord Jesus Christ. When we penetrate the commercialism, the material, and the semi-pagan activities that are too often a part of Christmas, we find that at the center is the fact that "God so loved the world" that He sent "His only begotten Son" to be the redeemer of mankind. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to Bethlehem. That is the true meaning of Christmas.

God loving and caring for a sin-cursed world and providing redemption for it through His Son... that is Christmas.

The Son of God laying aside the glory that He had with the Father before the world was, taking upon Him the form of a man, and coming to earth to walk among men and die for men—that is Christmas.

Joy and hope, peace and life, in the midst of the sorrow and despair, trouble and death, that the world knew without Christ—that is Christmas.

Christmas is Jesus Christ—when we forget that, Christmas is simply another festival. If we allow it to become that, it will cease to be a blessing to the world.

As Christmas 1960 comes let us determine to keep Christ at the very center of our observance.

Let us, with the shepherds, worship Him. This has special meaning this year when Christmas comes on Sunday.

Let us, with the wise men, bring our first and best gifts to Him and His work.

Let us, with Mary, think on Him as we gather in family circle and in fellowship with friends.

Let us, with angels, sing His praises and give honor to His name.

Let us, with Simeon and Anna, glorify God for His great redemption.

Let us, with all those who rejoiced in His coming, tell the glad news about Him until the whole world may know.

Yes, almost everywhere it is Christmas.
To be Christmas in its truest meaning, its celebration must center in Christ.

Let us observe it that way in 1960.

GUEST EDITORIAL
from THE CANADIAN BAPTIST

A Christmas Parable

I have many friends. When they arranged to have a celebration in honor of my birthday, I was greatly pleased. One likes to be remembered by one's friends and celebrations are gratifying events. Moreover, it was intimated to me that extensive preparations were being made for gifts to be given. This made me especially happy for my needs are great; or rather, the needs of others to whom I am giving my life are many, and in my present circumstances



MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS' birthday gift to Christ—450 new churches and missions as part of the 30,000 movement. A new church or a mission is a good birthday gift for Christ.—(Home Board Photo).

New Books

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MOSES by Dr. W. A. Criswell (Zondervan, 175 pp., \$2.50)

A new edition of a book of sermons published ten years ago, but certainly worthy of being reprinted. Dr. Criswell delivered these sermons in First Church, Dallas, as a part of his program of preaching straight through the Bible. Most of these messages are stenographically reported and have the power and effectiveness of the spoken word. This is Bible preaching at its best, for the sermons are clear, forceful, and heart searching. As one reads these messages he can understand why great congregations continually gather to hear the author preach. If this book inspires more preachers to use this type of Bible preaching it will fulfill high purpose.

MESSAGES FOR MEN edited by H. C. Brown, Jr. (Zondervan, 150 pp., \$2.50)

The compiler has assembled thirty-four messages from seventeen outstanding Baptist laymen. Each writer presents two messages, one to laymen and one to preachers. The subjects are intriguing and the messages are fresh, powerful and effective. There is an appraisal of the place and work of the laymen, and a frank presentation of what outstanding laymen think of the preacher and his ministry. The book should have a wide reading.

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYERS by F. B. Meyer (Baker, 111 pp., \$1.50)

These 52 devotions edited by Andrew Kosten, are the choice cream skimmed from the beautiful prose writings of F. B. Meyer. It would make a good gift book.

I am wholly dependent upon the generosity of others for my support in what I am doing. You may be sure that it was with kindling emotions and welling gratitude that I looked forward to the day when I was to be so signally honored with a great party and gifts.

The great day came. A vast number had remembered it and my name was on every tongue. Gifts also came in such profusion that I was almost overwhelmed at the sight of them. But when I looked at the cards on which the names were written, indicating those to whom the gifts were made, I was astonished, amazed! I could not find my name on one card! My friends were giving gifts back and forth to one another in hectic complexity! But I, whose birthday was the occasion of the party, was strangely forgotten. So, I walked about enjoying the occasion as best I could, watching the happiness of others. But what a loneliness I felt, and how I wondered how I would meet the needs which I had thought the gifts would supply. This was a queer party to say the least. What ought I to have done?

Whose birthday was this?
Whose parable is this?

SIMPLE SERMONS FOR TODAY'S WORLD by W. Herschel Ford (Zondervan, 120 pp., \$1.95)

Out of his rich pulpit ministry Dr. Ford presents the twelfth volume in his Simple Sermons series. These sermons were preached to the congregation of the First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas. They are timely, clear in exposition, simple in outline and rich in illustration. In this volume the preacher deals with themes of vital interest to the average Christian. Of special interest should be the three sermons on "The Riches of the Redeemed" based on texts in the eighth chapter of Romans, and two messages on "The End of the Trail" based on 2 Tim. 4:6-8.

THE VICTORY LIFE IN PSALM 119 by S. Franklin Logsdon (Moody Press, 127 pp.)

The author of this book believes that Psalm 119, the longest Psalm, is "the most comprehensive treatise on the matter of victorious living" to be found anywhere in the Bible. He finds in the Psalm an unidentified individual who thru the ways of God is seeking "the best that Heaven can offer to one yet on this earth." Section by section, Logsdon in lucid language presents the deep meaning of Psalm 119.

CALENDAR OF THE REFORMATION by David Porteous (Loizeaux Brothers, Inc., 96 pp., \$1.50)

Is a handy chronicle of events throughout the centuries that made up the worldwide Protestant Reformation. It is highly significant for lovers of religious freedom, with its graphic stories of men and women who fought for and won that freedom. In a perceptive preface,

NEW TESTAMENT EVANGELISM by Herschel H. Hobbs (Convention Press, Nashville, 130 pp.)

Dr. Hobbs, pastor of Oklahoma City's First Baptist Church, has written a textbook on this Christian doctrine, winning and developing people for Christ. The book deals with the relationship of various Christian doctrines to the program of evangelism and with methods of implementing these doctrines through various church organizations and activities. This book is in Category One of the Church Study Course for Teaching and Training.

BEDS OF PEARLS by Robert G. Lee (Zondervan, 120 pp., \$1.95)

Originally published in 1936, this is one of the finest books that Dr. Lee has written. It is a study of gospel as presented by Paul in I Cor. 15:3-4 and related verses. With his ability to plumb the depth of meaning of a passage, and with his marvelous power of painting pictures with words, the preacher makes the gospel live for the reader. The chapter subjects reveal the adventure that awaits the one who opens these pages. Dr. Lee preaches on the Curse, the Christ, Calvary, Complement, Contemporary, Consummation and Confirmation. Each chapter is a masterpiece as it presents one facet of the truth concerning the gospel. This is Dr. Lee at his best.

THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN, Large Type Edition, published by the World Home Bible League.

Complete with 24 Bible Study outlines featuring the "That You May Have Life" study outline, the Large Type Edition of John's Gospel has been distributed in India by the World Home Bible League. There more than 105,000 people have completed the reading course and obtained certificates. The League, 425 West 104th Street, Chicago 28, Illinois, offers these to pastors and missionaries at very low rates.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES by Harold Wiley Freer (Pageant Press, Inc., 266 pp., \$3.50)

Is a series of thirty meditations written by the pastor of the First Congregational Church, Crossville, Tennessee. The meditations were not written to be "thoughts for the day," but rather to stimulate the reader to deeper thinking and further reading about the subjects in question.



Visual Aids

Jesus used visual aids. Of course, not the newfangled kind, like chalk boards, film strips, screens, projections, etc. But he used them just the same.

Remember how once, according to some manuscripts, he wrote on the ground, for the observation and chagrin of his critics (John 8:6). How he cursed the fig tree and it visibly shriveled, just like Israel was willing as a moral force in the world (Mt. 11:21, 20). And how he openly raised Lazarus from the grave, attesting the reality of his own contention: "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25, 44). These are only a few of many such incidents recounted in the Gospels.

But Jesus was a specialist in a particular type of visual aid. This was the mental visual. The technical name was parable. Literally, parable means

"a casting alongside." The connection, I admit, is not immediately obvious. Evidently the idea was somewhat as follows.

Jesus must have realized that truth is abstract and that abstractions are difficult to communicate. So, alongside the truth was thrown a parable (story, illustration, metaphor, epigram). The hearer "looked through" the parable to see the truth. Like the microscope (a type of visual aid), the parable brought the truth into focus and magnified it graphically.

Mind you, this is not to huckster visual aids. That's the business of a certain department of our Sunday School Board. But, as their personnel will tell you, visual aids generally don't have to be huckstered. For teaching devices usually sell themselves. As did the mental visual aids of Jesus.

Pages

From The Past

By J. L. BOYD, Sr.

60 Years Ago

The Brooksville house of worship has been remodeled, renovated and repainted at a cost of \$1,000.00 and it all paid for. It was of gothic style, covered with cypress shingles, dipped in boiling oil, and a beautifully symmetrical tower and spire stood on the corner. Pastor M. V. Nofsinger, reporting.

The Dixie Quartette of students at Mississippi College and Prof. J. F. Hailey, teacher of Elocution, rendered an interested program at Hillman College before a large and appreciative audience. The quartette sang, Hailey recited, the audience laughed and cheered to the echo and went away feeling better.

40 Years Ago

There were forty accession to the membership of the Brookhaven, First Church, during a revival meeting, 23 of them by baptism, in which Pastor J. A. Taylor was assisted by Rev. W. M. Bostick of Winona and Joe Canzoneri as singer.

"One of the greatest revivals ever had at Scooba-closed" with 32 additions to the church, seventeen of them for baptism, Brother-Far doing the preaching. Pastor A. C. Furr, reporting.

BAPTIST FORUM

'Unless We Repent'

Is the worst yet to come, or what? Now, what has become of the old-time preaching and shouting around the altar of prayer? Has modern religion driven out Christianity? Have pride and lust led us into heathenism?

Can democracy work when hate mobs rule?

Since World War I something has gone wrong with all of us — unless we repent, the worst is yet to come into America.

O. K. Hobbs
Arnold, Missouri

Calendar of Prayer

December 26 — N. W. Carpenter, Jr., Mississippi College faculty; B. F. McIlwain, Desoto associational Sunday school superintendent.

December 27 — Gerald Phillips, William Carey faculty; Mrs. Evelyn McClure, William Carey faculty.

December 28 — Mrs. N. F. Davis, Jr., Monroe associational WMU president; C. C. Fenn, Pike associational Training Union director.

December 29 — Brooks Haynes, Blue Mountain College faculty; Sebe Dale, Marion associational Brotherhood president.

December 30 — Earnest A. Stiles, Marshall associational

clerk; Mrs. Minnie B. James, Baptist Book Store.

December 31 — Paul Nunnery, Baptist Orphanage; J. Clark Hensley, Hinds associational superintendent of missions.

January 1 — D. O. Horne, Humphreys associational superintendent of missions; Frank Horton, Baptist Student Director, Mississippi State.

Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

"SELFISH NEIGHBOR"

QUESTION: I have a neighbor who goes to the same Baptist church that I do. Her children go to the same school as mine and they play together. Yet she drives her two children to school and to church, and mine walk in the rain, heat and cold. She never once asks mine to ride. Is she just plain selfish, and with no heart at all? If I had a car, I would take hers.

ANSWER: I doubt that your neighbor is any more selfish than most of the rest of us. The big difference between people is that they are selfish in different ways and at different times.

From what you say it sounds like your neighbor is not being very unselfish toward your children. But where would she stop if she started taking your children in her car? I guess this is the way she looks at it.

Two things you need to remember. Service, such as picking up your children, must come from within an individual, and be entirely voluntary. Second, one human being cannot afford to judge another, not even a neighbor, and especially not a fellow Christian. Each must stand before the judgement seat for himself.

The world is very imperfect and I am imperfect too.

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He Was Laid In A Manger

By Carl A. Clark
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"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger." (Luke 2:7) Thus was the son of God ushered into the world to fulfill the purpose and will of God. "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them." (II Cor. 5:19)

A RURAL SETTING

Strangely enough when God wanted to send his son (into the world) to be the savior of the world he chose a manger for the place where his son would be born. This is not the way the world looked upon such an event. The world's expectation was something far different. For example, when the Magi came to find Jesus they went to Herod's palace. It was probable the common expectation that the Messiah would be born in somebody's palace. It seems to have been utterly unthinkable that he could have been born in a village, much less born in a stable and laid in a manger.

God has frequently appeared

in unexpected places and in unexpected forms. Throughout the Old Testament God did this. He frequently appeared to people whom the world never thought would have this privilege.

After Jesus was resurrected, he appeared to his disciples in unexpected places and times.

At all times the real Christian should be expecting the presence and power of God. Just as the shepherds in the hills outside Bethlehem heard the angels sing, so the Christian today should have his heart in tune with God and ready to find God in the most commonplace circumstance. It is the commonplace manger of Bethlehem was not too low for the Son of God to use as his crib, then no heart today is beyond the presence and power of God. We must not make the mistake of assuming that we are too humble for God. Indeed, the humble heart is the one which God seeks for his abiding place.

BRIDGING THE GAP

It was not far from Herod's palace in Jerusalem to the stable inn in Bethlehem. Not more than six miles, we will say. This is not much as men measure distance but it was

a different world socially and these two points were worlds apart, spiritually.

The palaces of the world are not often the places of the revelation of God. More often, strange to our thinking, a humble home and a humble heart is where God makes himself felt.

Christ came, born in the stable, yet as the King of Kings. In order that he might bridge this gap between the palace and the stable by coming as the Son of God in human flesh. Christ could help to bring these two sections of life, which are poles apart, closer together.

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"HOUSE OF THE WICKED"—District Attorney Dave Nolan is shaken as he learns that a criminal jury has failed to convict the community's vice czar after he has worked day and night to provide the incriminating evidence. His wife Laura consoles him and fears her husband is headed for a total breakdown in his relentless war against crime. Theme of this film from "The Answer" series is Christian citizenship. Produced and distributed by Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission, "House Of The Wicked" will be televised in Mississippi Sunday, January 1, over station WTVF-TV, Tupelo, 3:00 p. m. and station WTOK-TV, Meridian, 1:00 p. m.

Graham Points to Dangers Today

FORT WORTH, Tex. — Billy Graham said Thursday that there is a planned, masterful attack against the protestant clergy today to try to discredit the leaders of our churches.

In town to deliver a series of messages to students, faculty and their families at the Southwestern Seminary, Mr. Graham said "Satan will trip you up with pride. This is the danger of the Southern Baptist Convention today. We used to be a denomination of all classes of people but today we are losing that distinction and are becoming more of an upper-class group and leaving the lower-class people behind."

"God honors humility," the speaker said, "and there is a fine line between humility and pride."

Pride a Stumbling Block

Mr. Graham told the seminary students that pride is the greatest stumblingblock in the ministry because here in the United States the minister has been placed on a pedestal.

Mr. Graham also warned the students to be careful concerning their morals. He said that in this world today outside of the grace of the Lord one cannot resist immorality.

He cited the emphasis on sex and alcohol in television and movies as contributing to the ministers' dangers.

"You cannot watch television for hours and have your mind on Christ. We have to learn that we are ambassadors in a foreign country and we are not to conform to the community around about us in the way in which we live."

Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

28 New Missionaries Lift Total to 1,487

Twenty-eight missionaries, the largest group in recent years, were appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its December meeting, bringing the appointments for 1960 to 137 and the missionary staff to 1,487.

New missionaries, native states, and fields of service are: Robert C. Covington and Gerry Smith Covington, both of Alabama, appointed for Malaya; T. Eugene Dubberly, Florida, and Carolyn Finch Dubberly, Georgia, for Uruguay; Earl D. Farthing and Lovie Catherine Cashwell Farthing, both of North Carolina, for Japan; Harry A. Goble and Doris Anne Cash Goble, both of North Carolina, for Guam.

Also, Clarence O. Griffin, South Carolina, and Ruth Putnam Griffin, North Carolina, appointed for Indonesia; Jimmie J. Hartfield and Susie Armstrong Hartfield, both of Mississippi, for Mexico; F. B. Huey, Jr., and Nonna Turner Huey, both of Texas, for South Brazil; W. Chandler Lanier, Georgia, and Sallie Cook Lanier, Tennessee, for Israel; Charles L. Miller, Florida, and Roberta Ely Miller, Wisconsin, for the Philippines.

Also, Archie L. Nations, Louisiana, and Elaine Sheffield Nations, North Carolina, appointed for Japan; Marcus C. Reed and Ruth Caldwell Reed, both of Tennessee, for Israel; Roderick W. Smith and Ruth Anne Gettys Smith, both of South Carolina, for Uruguay; R. W. Terry and Dale Fields Terry, both of Texas, for Ghana; and Guy S. Williamson and Julia Heaton Williamson, both of Georgia, for Mexico.

The two couples assigned to Israel are the first new missionaries for that country since 1957.

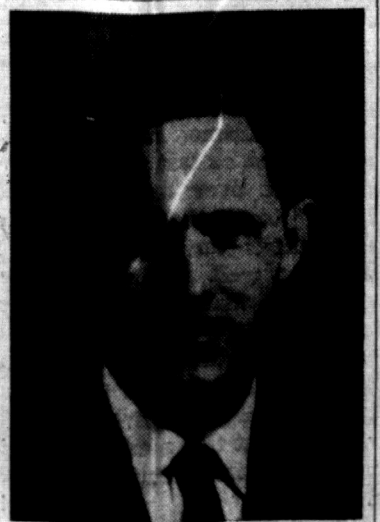
The appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Goble for Guam follows the Board's action last month approving the placement of a couple on the island for English-speaking work. They will be associated with a church organized early this year by a Southern Baptist fellowship group.

Requisites For Sustained Advance

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, reported that the Board's goal for missionary appointments in 1961 is 160. "The attainment of this large objective, as well as our long-range objective of having 2,000 missionaries under appointment by the close of 1964, will call for much prayer, work, and a definite sense of God's leadership," he said.

He then outlined certain requisites for discharging the responsibilities involved in sustained missions advance across the world:

1. Prayer support.
2. An increasing number of mission volunteers.
3. Growing financial support.
4. An accelerated impact on mission fields where we are laboring.
5. A steady entry into new fields.
6. A strengthened organization.



Rev. Emerson Tedder

Accepts Antioch

Rev. Emerson Tedder has accepted the pastorate of Antioch Church in Neshoba County, having resigned as pastor of New Hope Church, Vardaman, in Calhoun County.

He is a student at Clarke College, Newton.

Members of Antioch presented a shower of gifts to Rev. and Mrs. Tedder and their daughter, Sheila, on their arrival at the church.

Antioch Church has recently gone from half-time to full-time services.

tion for carrying the increasing administrative load.

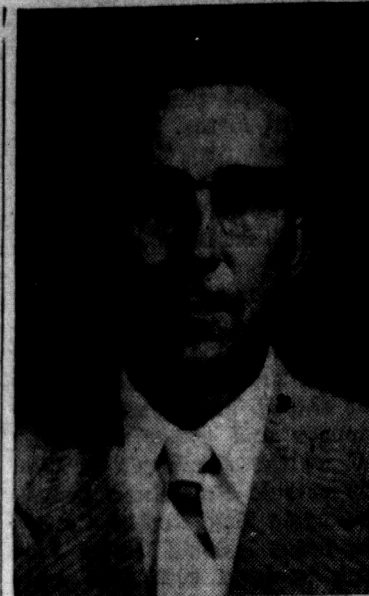
Board Votes to Station Missionaries in Germany

Upon invitations from the German Baptist Union and the Association of Baptists in Continental Europe, the Foreign Mission Board voted to place a missionary couple in Germany for the purpose of assisting the development of English-speaking churches. "It is believed that this couple can serve a very useful purpose, not only in connection with the English-speaking churches, but also as fraternal representatives of the Foreign Mission Board among the German-speaking churches," Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said in his report to the Board.

Underscoring this belief, he pointed to the "remarkable success" of Rev. and Mrs. Jack D. Hancox in English-speaking Baptist work in France, which now includes two churches and a third congregation scheduled to become a church soon. There have also been advances in French-speaking work, Dr. Goerner reported, with a recent event being the opening of a Baptist student center in Antony.

With respect to Africa, Dr. Goerner told the Board that full-time publication work is being established in Nairobi, Kenya, for the mission program in East Africa and in Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, for that in Central Africa.

As far as personnel needs are concerned, he said that with the appointment of two couples for Israel at the December meeting of the Board "the dubious honor" of being in the top position on the priority list in his area now goes to Ghana. The need for medical personnel is particularly critical, he said, with that for evangelistic and educational workers being almost as bad.



Rev. Ernest F. Scott

Ordained, Called To Spring Hill

Rev. Ernest Frank Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Scott, was ordained to the full gospel ministry Friday night, December 2, at Pleasant Valley Church, McCall Creek.

Rev. Scott, of Bude, was licensed by his home church, Pleasant Valley, on July 3. He has served as deacon since 1939, and also as adult Sunday school teacher for several years. He is married to the former Marjorie Dickerson.

Rev. Emmett Moak, Pastor at Pleasant Valley, preached the ordination sermon and acted as moderator. Rev. Allen Davis led the ordination prayer; Rev. Otis Jones delivered the charge to Rev. Scott; and Senior Deacon J. B. Butler presented the Bible as a gift to Scott from his home church.

On program were Rev. Ben Smith, Rev. Loper, Roscoe Scott, and Peyton Godbold.

Rev. E. F. Scott has been called as pastor of the Spring Hill Church, Knoxville, Miss.

"The paramount need in missions today is for an increasing number of young people dedicated to world service who will step forth to offer themselves for missionary appointment," — Elmer S. West, Jr., "A Realistic View of Missions," December, 1960 BAPTIST STUDENT

Woman's Missionary Union

President—MRS. J. T. LYONS, McComb
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON
YWA Director—MISS MARJEAN PATTERSON
Sunbeam Director—MISS WAUDINE STOREY

HOME MISSIONS

We are making plans for the study of the biography of LUTHER RICE. The information on the monument erected to his memory by the Baptist Convention of South Carolina carries this information:

BENEATH THIS MARBLE ARE DEPOSITED ELDER LUTHER RICE

BORN — March 25, 1783 DIED — September 25, 1836
A minister of Christ, of the Baptist denomination, he was a native of Northboro, Mass. and departed this life in Edgefield District, S. C. In the death of this distinguished servant of the Lord "Is a great man fallen in Israel" than he.

Perhaps no American has done more for the great missionary enterprise. It is thought the first American Foreign Mission, on which he went to India, associated with Judson and others, originated with him. And if the Burmans have cause of gratitude toward Judson for a faithful version of God's word; so they will, thro generations to come "Arise up and call — Rice — blessed." For, it was his eloquent appeals for the heathen on his return to America which roused our Baptist Churches to adopt the Burman Mission, and sustain Judson in his arduous toils.

No Baptist has done more for the cause of education. He founded the Columbian College in the District of Columbia, which he benevolently intended by its central position to diffuse knowledge, both literary and religious, thro these U. S. And if, for want of deserved patronage, that unfortunate institution, which was the special subject of his prayers and toils for the last fifteen years of his life, fail to fulfill the high purpose of its founder; yet, the spirit of education awakened by his labors shall accomplish his noble aim.

Luther Rice with a portly person a commanding presence, combined a strong and brilliant intellect. As a theologian, he was orthodox; a scholar, his education was liberal. He was an eloquent and powerful preacher. A self denying and indefatigable philanthropist. His frailties with his dust are entombed and, upon the walls of Zion, his virtues engraven.

YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT

1. The Baptist Home Mission Board has been serving Southern Baptists more than 115 years.
2. The Home Mission Board is cooperating in every state in the USA in the promotion of Mission work.
3. Alaska, the largest state in the USA, has 10 Southern Baptist mission pastors and eight missionaries to the Eskimos and Indians.
4. The Home Mission Board has missionaries working with international students who are studying in the larger universities.
5. There are more than 15 million people in the foreign language groups in the territory served by the Home Mission Board, and 90 per cent of these are unevangelized.
6. The unevangelized people in California would fill three states the size of Arkansas.
7. There are three million mountain people in the south, 80 per cent of whom belong to no church.
8. The Baptist Home Mission Board is promoting a City Mission program in which 76 cities are cooperating.
9. The Home Mission Board is ministering to 44 different nationalities in the USA.
10. Approximately 67,000,000 people in Home Mission territory have never indicated their personal acceptance of Christ as Saviour.



NEW OFFICERS and members of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, elected Dec. 6, from left are: Rev. Jesse L. Royd Sr., Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Curator; Rev. W. C. Howard, Water Valley, Vice President of Commission and ex-officio member; Dr. W. H. Sumrall, Jackson, President of Commission, ex-officio member; Rev. James B. Riley, Magnolia; and Dr. James B. Butler, Jackson.

First, Lumberton, Sets Formal Opening For Christmas Day In The Morning

December 25, (11:00 a.m.) has been chosen as the date for the formal opening of the newly enlarged and re-decorated sanctuary of First Church, Lumberton. The significance of the date is apparent since this is the date nearest the completion of the total remodeling job.

A total of \$35,358.23 will have been expended upon this enlargement program by the time of the opening. This is exclusive of the new furniture, carpets, baptistry drapes, and the organ. The carpets have been given by Mrs. Wretha Greer and Mrs. A. A. Pigford, the drapes by Mrs. W. F. Hogah,

and the organ by the late Mrs. I. H. Bass, Sr. Other memorial gifts have been made to the building program and will receive appropriate recognition.

The enlarged sanctuary will seat almost four hundred fifty in worship, and has an enlarged choir area seated with pews matching the auditorium furniture.

This is a far-reaching forward program engaged in by the First Baptist congregation and fits in with the total building program entered into nearly four years ago. This is the second unit of construction in the program. The first unit was completed and entered over a year ago, and comprises a commodious educational plant. This will make both educational and worship facilities equal to any in the area.

The Building Committee was composed of Dorman A. Davis, Chairman; W. B. Myrick; J. V. McElveen; Wallace Conner; John Nichol (who now lives in Nederland, Texas); and the late Mrs. I. H. Bass, Sr.

The Building Finance Committee was composed of J. O. Williams, Chairman; E. E. McClellan; J. V. McElveen; Roy Sullivan (who now lives in Columbia, Mississippi); W. B. Myrick; and the late Mrs. I. H. Bass, Sr.

The building was constructed by White Construction Company of Hattiesburg. Rev. William H. Ross is pastor.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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Secretary
Mrs. Elton Greer
Office Secretary



M. LEE FERRELL
Associate
Mrs. Elsie Mae Pittman
Office Secretary

The Pastor of a Church Brotherhood

The pastor is the first officer of the Brotherhood. The men of the church look to him for inspiration and leadership. The pastor is interested in the entire program of the church. Therefore, he is related to the planning and the work of the church Brotherhood. Through the church Brotherhood the pastor has an opportunity of a man-to-man relationship to the men of the church. Through this relationship the men are made to feel that their task is to magnify the Lord and to support the program of the church as the pastor provides leadership. Men are needed in the four major areas of Brotherhood work: (1) Royal Ambassador, (2) Christian Witness, (3) Personal Stewardship, and (4) World Missions. If the pastor knows the organizational structure of the church Brotherhood he is equipped to better understand the responsibilities of the officers and committees. In Brotherhood work it is very acceptable that the pastor knows each Brotherhood officer by name and have a working knowledge of his responsibilities. The pastor is a permanent and active member of the Brotherhood Planning Com-

mittee. Because of this relationship it is essential for him to have a thorough knowledge of Brotherhood procedure.

Every pastor is interested in the development of the young people of his church. Through the Royal Ambassador part of Brotherhood work the pastor has opportunity to influence the missionary training of the Royal Ambassador boys in his church. Perhaps it would be well to say it is good for the pastor to know the organizational structure, know the men, organizational procedure, and the Royal Ambassador program.

The following figures are the result of several surveys by pastors and educational directors and are typical of many Baptist churches:

- Out of every 100 men church members:
 - 20 never attend any service or serve
 - 25 attend occasionally
 - 25 attend fairly regularly but contribute little financially or otherwise
 - 30 men carry the greater portion of the responsibilities in the church
- An effective Brotherhood will help the pastor and leadership of a church to enlist the manpower of the church.

Capacity Crowd Turns Out For Billy Graham In Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham drew a capacity crowd of nearly 7,000 persons on his first appearance in what has been called "The City of Sin."

The evangelist's crusade, centered in Las Vegas multi-million dollar Convention Center, also marked his first campaign in Nevada.



Nicholson



Compere



Baker



Sanderson

To Graduate At Southwestern

FORT WORTH, Tex. — Mid-winter commencement exercises at Southwestern Seminary January 20 will feature the address by Dr. Ollie Edmunds, president of Stetson University, Deland, Fla., and the graduation of 127 students.

One will receive combination degrees making a total of 128 to be presented — 85 by the School of Theology, 43 by the School of Religious Education, and five by the School of Church Music.

Twenty states are represented in this year's mid-winter class.

Four of those are natives of Mississippi. They are Lester E. Nicholson, son of J. H. Nicholson, Rt. 5, Laurel, master of religious education; Mrs. Brookes Hampton Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Davenport, Macon, bachelor of divinity; William L. Compere, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. Lowrey Compere, Newton, bachelor of religious education; and Rennie Sanderson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Sanderson, Waynesboro, master of church music.

Purvis, First Oversubscribes Record Budget

Using the Forward Program for the second year straight, First Baptist Church, Purvis, has oversubscribed by nearly \$2,400 a budget of \$60,000.00 which was 20% more than the record-budget of last year.

Two years ago the church gave \$31,826. Rev. Harold O'Chester is pastor.

With 468 pledging and 330 titling, the total pledges amounted to \$62,392.20, or \$1,199.86 weekly.

On Pledge Sunday, November 6, the Sunday School attendance was 451 which was nearly an all-time record. The Pledge March was used and when the tallying was completed 412 people had pledged 93% of the budget or \$56,000.00.

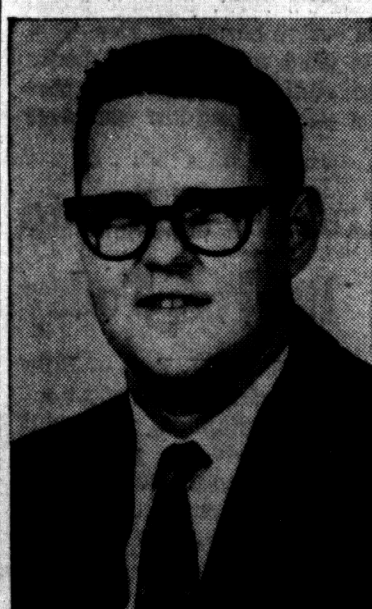
Wednesday, November 2, was the scene for the Loyalty Dinner Banquet in which 268 people enjoyed a wonderful meal at the local Purvis Community House. From the opening week of the Forward Program in October, the five week campaign was carried on after the manner of a football game.

Hall Decorated

Following this idea, the banquet hall was decorated with miniature goal posts on each table and football equipment painted in the town high school colors. Directly in front of the speakers table was a large goal post appropriately decorated.

Underneath this was a table with golden helmets and footballs with both the yearly and weekly goals. The Steering Committee was represented as the team with the general chairman as the quarterback and the pastor as coach. They introduced each other by passing the gold football with the yearly goal written on the side.

BIRMINGHAM — (BP) — Miss Katherine Bryan has been elected promotion associate in the Girls' Auxiliary Department of Woman's Missionary Union here. The announcement was made by Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Auxiliary. Miss Bryan will join the Birmingham staff in May, 1961, after receiving a Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.



Rev. Odus Jackson

Carey Student Is Pastor Of Oldest Church

Mississippi's oldest Baptist church has for its pastor a Carey College student. Odus Jackson, sophomore transfer from Southwest Mississippi Junior College, is in his second year as pastor of Ebenezer Church in Amite County, Mississippi Association, founded by Richard Curtis in 1806. He travels 230 miles each week-end in order to serve this pastorate.

This is the oldest church in continuous operation in the state, having been founded by pioneers from the Atlantic seaboard, and converts made by Curtis and other pioneer missionaries. Near the church is the grave of Mr. Curtis and a monument erected to his memory.

Mr. Jackson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jackson of Gloster. He is married to the former Miss Peggy Ann Lewis of Gloster, and they are the parents of two children. After graduation from Carey, the Jacksons plan to continue their training at New Orleans Seminary.

Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance
Training Union Attendance
Additions To The Church

December 15, 1960	
Artesia	67
Belden	131
Bethlehem (Jones)	109
Biloxi	200
Biloxi, Emmanuel	135
Boonville, First	136
Brookhaven, First	239
Halbert Heights	80
Main	217
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	164
Bruce	336
Byram Mem. (Hinds)	134
Calhoun City, First	195
Canton, First	292
Canton, First	126
Carthage, First	234
Clara, First	103
Cleveland	
First	407
Immanuel	201
Cornerville (Marshall)	86
Distie (Leland)	144
Forest	380
Greenville, First	1047
Main	317
Greenfield	271
Chinese	46
Greenwood, Calvary	437
Guilford, East Road	151
Guilford, Grace Mem.	161
Hattiesburg	
Central	289
First	272
38th Avenue	144
Houston, First	401
Jackson	
Raymond Road	90
Van Winkle	629
Alta Woods	407
Robinson St.	287
Highland	154
Daniel Mem.	1056
Broadmoor	335
Crestwood	412
Oak Forest	169
West Jackson	458
First	1752
Midway	352
McDowell Road	180
Temple	106
Kosciusko, First	689
Main	651
Maple	117
Kosciusko, Parkway	117
Laurel	
Wildwood	503
Plainway	155
Magnolia St.	502
Lyon	177
Roundway, Mission	17
McComb	
North	151
Locust	175
Central	285
Mendenhall, First	350
Meridian	
Fulton Ave. Mission	23
Highland	698
Fifteenth Ave.	620
Poplar Sprs. Dr.	614
South Side	409
Carver	411
Main	377
Fewell Sur. Mission	23
Pine Sprs. Mission	14
Eastview	145
State Boulevard	363
Oakland Heights	128
Key Field	111
Midway	195
Morton, First	277
Natchez, First	101
Newton, First	411
Petal, Crestview	110
Pearl	316
Picayune, First	35
Main	523
Mission	31
Pontotoc, First	438
Purvis, First	328
Sherman, First	339
Sherman	144
Soso, First	146
Springfield (Scott)	122
Starkville, First	832
Turkey	182
Tupelo	
Spring St.	92
Calvary	529
Harrisburg	679
Tutwiler, First	122
Union, First	332
Mission	36
Weir	107
Wheeler Grv. (Alc.)	117
West Point, Siloam	140
West Point, First	563
West Point, Decker	11
Aberdeen, First	538
Main	453
Mission	85
Amory, First	518
Bethlehem (Jones)	194
Booneville, First	323
Canton, First	398
Main	387
Northside Mission	32
Carthage, First	243
Clara, First	110
Collins	239
Corinth, First	404
Greenwood, North	369
Laurel, Highland	171
Lucedale, First	365
McComb, Central	246
Mendenhall, First	129
Miss Point, East	369
Main	279
Mission	90
New Albany, Northside	153
New Hope	97
Olive Branch	196
Pascagoula, First	692
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	347
Quitman, First	356
Ripley, First	407
Main	361
Mission	46
Richland (Rankin)	275
Rolling Fork, First	222
Rutledge	258
Sturgis	90
Tupelo, Spring St.	88
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	134
Unity (Jackson)	219

—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON— God's Son His Gift Of Love

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell
Scripture Texts: Luke 2:8-20.
INTRODUCTION. It was likely in the year B.C. 8 that, "There went forth from Caesar Augustus a decree that all the world should be" enrolled, that is, that a worldwide census



should be taken. This census was world-wide in the sense that Rome ruled all the then-known world. To the best of my knowledge it was done a bit differently in Palestine, the Roman province of Syria, than elsewhere. There each individual, or family was required to return to the city of his family's origin to be enrolled among the members of his own family and tribe. It was because of this requirement that Joseph went down with Mary, his wife, the sixty-six miles from Nazareth of Galilee to Bethlehem of Judea. Joseph was of the family of David, and David's family was of Bethlehem.

The number of people gathered at Bethlehem for the same purpose that drew Joseph was so great that all the lodging places were filled before Joseph and Mary arrived, so they were able to find lodgings only in a stable with the beasts of burden. I find myself thinking that our Lord was born on the night of Joseph and Mary's arrival in Bethlehem, though there seems to be no authority for that belief, the record being only that, "It came to pass, while they were there, the days were completed that she should give birth," but which day of their stay completed the measure is not stated.

IV. THE SHEPHERDS OF JUDEA. The group with which we are concerned was composed of a number who were camping out with their herds to give their sheep protection from beasts which might have scattered and destroyed them, and to have them near the grazing places when dawned the next day. We are accustomed to think of these shepherds as rude and uncultured, but honest, sincere, and faithful men.

II. THE ANGEL SOLOIST AND HIS CHOIR. We have here the first gospel sermon ever preached, the gospel being the good news that a Savior has come to men. The sermon came, I think, in the form of a solo and a chorus, sung by angel singers from the Realm of Glory. First, the soloist sang his solo, then, "the multitude of the heavenly host" took up the chorus and sang what has been known for well over a millennium as, "The Glory in the Highest."

III. THE SOLO. (a.) Fear Not. The shepherds were afraid of the glory that shone round them, as well they might be. So the first words were sung, or may I say, chanted to reassure them. And those two gracious words have become a distinguishing motto of our holy religion. For that religion is the only one held among men that is not at its heart a religion of fear. Name them over one by one, and you will see that every pagan religion practiced anywhere is based and founded upon fear. (b.) "I bring you good tidings of great Joy," the tidings are individual, to each several one of the hearers, as it is to all the sons and daughters of earth.

(c.) The scope of the meaning of the tidings. "Which shall be unto all people." All people on earth, now and to be, with no individual of any race, color, or condition omitted. (d.) The nature of the blessing announced by the good tidings. "There is born unto you this day.... a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Two things about this Saviour: He is born, a manchild, one in whom God has become flesh, capable of sharing all of man's

troubles and cares, capable of feeling all of our heartaches and distresses. Then, He is Saviour, one able to save us from sin and shield us from sorrow and hopeless distress. Able to say to all the sons of men, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

(e.) For this born one is, "Christ," "Messiah," "Jesus," "Lord". God come down to men.

(f.) The sign by which the shepherds should know the Christ Child. "Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

IV. THE CHORUS OF THE HEAVENLY HOST. Up far as the wondering shepherds could see there was a coming and going of angels' forms and voices, as of a multitude chanting in unison, "Glory to God in the highest." This first, declaring the character of the Saviour's birth to be glorious

in a measure and of a quality to enhance the glory of the Father Almighty, even as also it exalted the humanity of our race by bringing it into vital relation with God.

Then the chant continued, "On earth peace among men with whom He is well pleased." Let us be careful now that we do not understand these final words to mean what readers of the King James version of the words often understand them to mean, that the coming of the Christ brought peace and good will to all men. To every Herod of the wicked family of Herod brought anything but peace. His coming brought no peace to Judas, to the scoffing members of the Sanhedrin, to any one of all the multitudes who, since His birth, have bent their devilish devices against Him and the progress of His truth; but peace to all those of good will to receive Him as Lord.

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REPORT OF STANDARD UNITS OCTOBER 1, 1959— SEPTEMBER 30, 1960

STANDARD SCHOOLS	YOUNG PEOPLE CLASSES
1. Florida 126	1. Florida 81
2. Alabama 115	2. Tennessee 63
3. Kentucky 115	3. Alabama 58
4. North Carolina 87	4. Oklahoma 49
5. Tennessee 75	5. Texas 42
6. Georgia 70	6. Mississippi 39
7. Arkansas 62	
8. Oklahoma 45	
9. South Carolina 43	
10. Mississippi 38	
ADVANCED STANDARD	BEGINNER DEPARTMENTS
Mississippi None	1. Florida 94
STANDARD ASSOCIATIONS	2. Texas 67
Mississippi None	3. Mississippi 51
CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENTS	ADULT DEPARTMENTS
1. Mississippi 14	1. Florida 31
CRADLE ROLL GROUPS	2. Alabama 17
1. Mississippi 74	3. Texas 17
NURSERY DEPARTMENTS	4. Oklahoma 14
1. Florida 80	5. Mississippi 12
2. Oklahoma 55	
3. Texas 53	
4. Mississippi 53	
JUNIOR DEPARTMENTS	ADULT CLASSES
1. Florida 62	1. Texas 284
2. Alabama 49	2. Florida 264
3. Oklahoma 41	3. Tennessee 229
4. Texas 40	4. Oklahoma 218
5. Mississippi 31	5. Alabama 217
INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENTS	6. Mississippi 178
1. Florida 28	EXTENSION DEPARTMENTS
2. Oklahoma 16	1. Florida 17
3. Mississippi 16	2. Alabama 9
YOUNG PEOPLE DEPARTMENTS	3. Oregon-Washington 6
1. Florida 21	4. North Carolina 5
2. Alabama 12	5. Mississippi 5
3. Arkansas 9	EXTENSION GROUPS
4. Tennessee 9	1. Florida 141
5. Mississippi 8	2. Alabama 78
	3. Mississippi 53
	TOTAL UNITS—1960
	1. Florida 1667
	2. Alabama 1142
	3. Texas 1051
	4. Mississippi 967
	TOTAL UNITS—1959
	1. Florida 1933
	2. Texas 1368
	3. Alabama 1324
	4. Tennessee 1321
	5. Oklahoma 1151
	6. Mississippi 1074

MC Graduate Earns Fellowship At Seminary

James L. Travis has accepted a fellowship in the New Testament Department at Southern Seminary for the 1960-1961 session. This is an unusual honor for Mr. Travis, a third year student, because fellowships are customarily assigned to graduate students. The fellowship consists of a financial grant from the seminary and the responsibility to serve as assistant to Dr. Ray Summers, Professor of New Testament Interpretation. James is a native of Batesville, Mississippi. While a student at Mississippi College he was named among "Who's Who in American Colleges," and upon graduation with a B. A. degree in 1958 he received the Centennial Scholarship from Southern Seminary.

American young people, 20 to 35 years old, are approximately two inches taller and five pounds heavier than they were in 1900.

Wins Banner

The Sunny Hill Baptist Church, Pike Association, won the efficiency banner at "M" Night on December 12. There were 69 members present from an enrollment of 70. J. O. Hill is Training Union Director and Rev. Stanley Barnett, pastor.

Association Music Subject of Book

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BS-SB) — "The Associational Music Ministry," by Clifford A. Holcomb, field promotion director of the Sunday School Board's Church Music Department, will be released Nov. 29 by the Board's Convention Press, Nashville. First printed under the title "The Associational Church Music Guidebook," the new book has been rearranged, portions of it rewritten and materials added to made the format conform to church study course for teaching and training requirements.

NEW ORLEANS. — A selected collection of books, pamphlets, manuscripts and letters of prominent contemporaries of Dr. M. E. Dodd has been donated to the library of New Orleans Seminary by members of Dr. Dodd's family.

The United States Army has announced development of an electronic device that will enable a person to see almost as well by starlight as he does by daylight.

Students Present German Music

The German language students of Mississippi College presented a program of German Christmas music to the college student body at their chapel meeting Monday.

Miss. Ingetraud Wodarz, a German Fulbright student at Mississippi College, directed the forty voice group in their vocal selections. She also told the student body the manner in which her people celebrate the Christmas season in Germany. A nativity scene, surrounded with angels, provided the visual emphasis for the program.

Dr. Gertrude Lippert is the professor of German at Mississippi College.

Antioch Calls New Pastor

Antioch Church of Rankin County has called Rev. John L. Jones as pastor. He has moved on the field and began his duties the second Sunday in November.

He was reared at Taylorsville and attended Oklahoma Baptist University and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Marie House of Walters, Oklahoma. They have three children. He comes to Antioch from Crooked Creek Church in Lawrence County.

THE OAK RIDGE MISSION, Vicksburg, held its ground-breaking ceremony December 4, at the close of a week-end revival with Rev. Estes Denton, pastor of Artesia Church (Lowndes) as evangelist. Pictured above from left to right is: L. R. Worthing, building committee member; Rev. James C. Wood, pastor; Rev. Gene Blalock, Moderator of the Warren County Association which sponsors the Mission; Chester Boler, building committee member; Rev. Jones, pastor of Calvary Church and chairman of an associational-building committee which works in conjunction with the committee from the Mission. The Mission is now meeting in an old school building which is no longer in use by the public schools.

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ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS' LEADERSHIP MEETING

We hope every associational music officer in Mississippi is making plans now to attend the final phase of the pilot program of Training-Planning Meetings to be held at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, January 9-10, 1961. This meeting is the Associational Officers' Leadership Conference, in which the Sunday School Board in Nashville is joining with Mississippi Sunday School, Training Union and Music Departments for training and promotional work of the association. Listed below are the seven music conferences which will be led by members of the music staff at Nashville:

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Off The Record

A mother pigeon and her young son were getting ready to migrate to Florida. The baby was afraid he couldn't make it.

"Don't worry," Mama Pigeon said. "I'll tie one end of a piece of string around my leg and the other end to your neck. If you tire, I'll help you along."

The junior pigeon began to wail. "But," he protested, "I don't want to be pigeon towed!"

Hamish Macpherson and his two children entered a restaurant, ordered three plates and three glasses of water, produced sandwiches and began to eat. "Here," roared the manager, "what are you doing?"

"And who are you?" asked the senior Macpherson. "I'm the manager." "G o o d," replied Hamish, "I was just going to send for you. Why isn't the orchestra playing?"

Sign on a truck carrying explosives: "Give Me Room—Or We Both Go Boom!"

HORN LAKE APPOINTS NEW STAFF MEMBER

Horn Lake Church, De Soto County, Rev. B. F. McIlwain, pastor, has called Mark Larson of Whitehaven, Tenn., as Music and Youth Director. He is a student at Memphis State College.

Before coming to the new position, Mr. Larson was serving as soloist in the choir of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis. He plans to continue his training for a full-time ministry in the field of church music. In the Horn Lake church he will be working toward a full graded choir program, and will direct youth activities.

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GOD'S GIFT

Reprint of Editorial by DR. P. I. LIPSEY
Editor of Baptist Record, 1912-1942

"This is the season for gifts. What started it? Every effect has its cause. What is it that looses the purse strings of everybody at Christmas time and fills them with the joy of giving? Those that do not give earnestly wish to, and suffer because they cannot. There is no light like the glow on the face of one who gives. It is the opal splendor of the heart that is warm with love and rejoices to find expression for it in bestowing gifts. But what started it? What is it that turns the common clay of self-seeking into the precious stone of altruism and beneficence? What alchemy is this that transformed the earthen days into golden Christmas-tide, that makes the life of man reflect something of the glory of the upper world?"

A Giving God

"The answer is God's Gift. He is the giving God. Every good and perfect gift comes down from above, from the Father of lights with whom there is no variableness nor shadow of turning. He giveth to all men liberally—unconditionally and upbraiding not when they are forgetful or ungrateful.

"But the one gift that turns men's hearts from self to others, from getting to giving, is the gift of His son—the gift of Himself. It matters not as to the season of His advent into the world. It is the fact, not the times or seasons that we are concerned about. His coming not only turned the course of history; what is more to the point, it turned the course of men's thoughts and aims and desires. It made them face outward instead of inward. It made men see that we were not here to be ministered to, but to minister.

He Gives Himself

"Every gift is valuable just as it brings us the giver himself. What we buy may be of value to us for its utility, but what we receive as a gift is more than this—it brings the giver, whose recollection of us enhances its value and gives joy that a purchased article cannot possess. God's gift is the gift of Himself. The motive that prompted it was love, and it was this that loosed the fountains of benevolence that had been held in the grip of selfishness and sent them down, into valleys of men's need and turned the barren desert into the fruitful delta. This is the gift that is for all men alike, and will produce like results in all men; will turn all men into givers. A man who receives God's gift—Himself—becomes a giver. It becomes the desire of his heart to give the Gospel to others. He longs to give all the blessings that Christ brought to a needy world.

"This Christmas season ought to bring us to the imitation, rather the reproduction of His spirit of giving. It ought not to be a season of self-indulgence, a carnival of fleshly gratification. It ought not to be a time of bestowing useless and hurtful presents. Why should it not be a time of giving to those really in need? The women's Christmas offering to China is entirely in keeping with the spirit of God's gift. Some ought to make a generous donation to the missionary work. The education of the young preachers, the care of orphans, the endowment of the college furnish appropriate avenues for carrying out the impulse imparted by God's great gift of His Son."

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BS-SB) — Some 300 faculty members of six Southern Baptist seminaries will gather in Nashville May 29-31 for a meeting with the Baptist Sunday School Board's editorial and educational workers.

A survey made by nine students at Harvard University's Graduate School of Business Administration showed that from 6,000 to 8,000 top executives in this country change jobs each year, or a turnover of 1 per cent.



SCOTCH WOMAN at old spring.

— GLOBE-TROTTING WITH GINNY SCOTTISH SPRING MAY BE EARLY BAPTISTRY

By Mrs. Virginia Harris Hendricks

BURGHEAD, Scotland. — (BP) — The historical beginning of Christianity in some parts of the world is hidden in legends and traditions.

Archaeological discoveries are helping establish many facts of history. They tell modern Christians more of the zeal of the early followers of the Lord answering the call "go ye into all the world."

This village on the northern coast of Scotland claims to be one of Britain's oldest settlements. It is believed that when the Romans circumnavigated Britain in the year 86, Burghead was included as the "Winged Camp" on Ptolemy's chart.

This section of Scotland re-

minds one of the stories of warriors and sea-kings. But another picture was inspired in my mind when I visited the "Roman well" in Burghead.

For many years this attraction has been displayed to tourists as a well built by Roman conquerors. The modern theory is that it is a baptistry of early Christians.

Baptism by immersion was practiced by the early church. The only living water in that area was in the spring which this "well" now covers. It is a shallow pool in an underground structure probably fashioned to suggest the sepulchre of the Lord.

Scotland's coast is thousands of treacherous miles from Galilee. But the baptistry stands in Burghead as a monument to

Doctor Gives Up \$50,000 Practice To Be Missionary

DALLAS, Tex. (RNS) — A 41-year-old Seventh-day Adventist physician from Texas has given up his \$50,000 a year practice to become a medical missionary in British Honduras, where only 300 doctors serve over 2,000,000 people.

In addition, Dr. Stephen A. Youngberg, who four years ago founded the non-sectarian Pan American Health Service, Inc., has spent all his life savings (about \$35,000) to speed health care and emergency aid to the neediest cases in primitive areas of Central America.

Houston Pastors Campaign Against Sunday Business

HOUSTON — (BP) — Two Houston ministerial organizations have begun a campaign to discourage businesses from operating on Sundays.

The Houston Baptist Pastors' Conference and the Association of Ministers of Greater Houston, an interdenominational group, have approved resolutions calling for a boycott of merchants who do business on Sundays.

Baptist pastors urged members of their churches to patronize and support firms that voluntarily cooperate "in the effort to provide their employees with a day of rest and worship."

The interdenominational group said that there has been a recent increase in the number of retail merchants open for business on Sundays.

the Christians who took seriously their Lord's command to capture the world for Him.

The Christians of Burghead did not enjoy peace. The dragon ships of the Norsemen brought their hordes of plundering Vikings who established themselves on Scottish soil. But even the most ferocious enemies that history had provided have failed to stop the Christian faith.



PICTURED here are the leaders and members of Boy Scout Troop No. 38, sponsored by Harmony Church, Laurel, as they were preparing to leave for a deep sea fishing trip recently. The troop left on Friday afternoon via church bus and spent the night on the coast. They attended the Laurel-Gulfport football game Friday night and spent Saturday on a fishing boat. (They reported a good catch.) The boys worked during the summer at various projects and made enough money to pay most of the expense of the trip. Various youth projects and recreation is one of the important phases of the program of Harmony Church. Rev. Tommy Fant, pastor.

Co-Lin BSU Stages Their First Christmas Party For Orphans

By Percy Milner

At Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, amidst a Christmas setting of colored lights, huge wrapped packages hanging from the ceiling, a manger scene and a fifteen-foot Christmas tree decked with lights, snow, and candy canes, were some three hundred lively college students and forty-three orphans from the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson. The occasion was the first annual Baptist Student Union Christmas Party. "Christmas in Fairy Land" was the theme of the party planned especially for the three to eight year old guests of honor.

They sat on the floor facing the Christmas tree with their student sponsors and watched with wide eyes as "Little Red Ridinghood" and "Jack and the Beanstalk" were dramatized and the story that is not the fairy story but the true one of Christ's birth was told. Then as forty-three pairs of hands folded in prayer, the B.S.U. director, prayed that the spirit of the true meaning of Christmas might be the gift every-

one receives this Christmas. Santa Claus weaved his way through the crowd, touching each small hand extended in greeting as he moved toward the Christmas tree and gifts bought by the students. Ken Duke is the Baptist Student Director.

Fort Worth Invites Graham

FORT WORTH, Tex. — City pastors voted unanimously Thursday to invite Billy Graham to Fort Worth for an evangelistic crusade in 1962.

In a called counseling session of the General Ministers' Association open questions were directed to Mr. Graham regarding a date for the meetings, financial arrangements, cooperation among local churches and a follow-up program for campaign converts.

The accident death rate at ages 65 and over has decreased from 224 per 100,000 in 1949 to 164 in 1958, or more than 25 per cent in less than a decade.

179 Decisions In Pooi To Revival

One hundred and seventy-nine students professed faith in Christ as savior during a revival held at Pooi to girls' middle school, October 24-29, as part of the Hong Kong Baptist Association's two-week-long simultaneous evangelistic crusade.

Of these, 99 are first-year junior high students, many of whom had never heard the gospel before enrolling in the school two months before. In the month following the revival, five other students expressed the desire to become Christians.

The school revival began on Monday with a special religious service in each of the 22 home rooms — there could be no joint meeting that day because all the auditorium seats had been loaned for the opening rally of the colony-wide crusade the day before. Then Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, Rev. Mak Hei Chun, visiting evangelist from Singapore, brought messages on the love of God. On Friday, a school holiday, teachers and students visited in homes for personal witnessing.

Many students took family and friends to the evening revival services at a nearby church. One helped lead four people to Christ during the week by going by for a friend each night.

Enon Ordains Deacons

Enon Church, Waltham Association, has ordained four more deacons: Willard Alexander, Freeman Alford, W. J. "Bill" Alford, and Louie Huhn.

The council was made up of the pastor and ordained deacons. The pastor, Rev. M. C. Nelson, preached the ordination sermon; Oscar O'Quinn led in the ordination prayer, Alford Boyd presented Certificates of Ordination, and Willie Othman led in the benediction. Other deacons than those named are: Oscar Alexander, Merle Bond, Dennis Boyd, Dewey Campbell, Hosie Cothran, Ralph Norris, and Oliver Rand.



K. M. Anderson

E. Philadelphia Licenses Minister

East Philadelphia Church recently licensed Ken Marlon Anderson to the gospel ministry.

Anderson publicly surrendered to the ministry on November 20 and preached his first sermon on December 4. He spoke to a large crowd, and when he gave the invitation at the close of his message, there were 19 rededications, two surrendering for special Christian service, and one addition by letter.

After the church had voted to license Anderson to the ministry, the deacons presented to him a Bible Dictionary.

Rev. Ken Marlon Anderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Anderson of Philadelphia.

Rev. James E. Walker is pastor of the East Philadelphia Church.

Baptist Workers Train In Galilee

Weekly classes have been started in Nazareth, Israel, to train Baptist workers for the Galilee area. The first students are two full-time village preachers and four persons recently graduated from high school who are interested in Christian service but who are unable to obtain university education.

Courses, taught in Arabic, include old and New Testament survey, Christian teachings, pastoral and practical duties, and church history. The faculty is made up of two national Baptist leaders who have studied at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Zurich, Switzerland, another who is a teacher-evangelist, and missionary Dwight L. Baker. (The eighth-grade teacher in the Nazareth Baptist school is taking Mr. Baker's church history course because of special interest in that field.)

After four hours of study each Saturday morning, the group breaks up for weekend preaching and teaching appointments. Several persons go Saturday afternoon for a preaching service in acre, the center served by one of the preachers. On Sunday morning another group goes to Cana, where the other preachers live and serves. In all, the students work at four stations, reaching about 500 persons each week with the gospel message.

3 SEMINARY, 4 COLLEGE YEARS BEFORE ORDAINING

CHICAGO — (BP) — To be ordained as a minister, a person should have at least four years of college and three years of study in a seminary. So said a commission of the American Baptist Convention here.

The commission on the Ministry set 1965 as the date on which it hopes to apply this minimum requirement for education. After that date ministers should not be ordained unless they meet the educational standard.

Exempt from the new standard are ministers ordained before 1965.



MEMBERS of First Church, Clara, rejoiced recently in an all-day program when the newly completed pastorium was dedicated. The program included the Sunday morning service, lunch served in the James P. Gilbert Hall, the Dedication Service in the afternoon and the evening service. Rev. Ken Sumrall is the pastor.

Mississippi College Receives Gifts From Three Corporations Last Week

Mississippi College received gifts from three corporations last week, President R. A. McLemore has announced.

An unrestricted grant of \$3,500 has been made to Mississippi College by the Esso Education Foundation of New York, according to an announcement by President M. J. Rathbone, chairman of the Foundation, and president of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

Mississippi College is one of 374 colleges receiving grants from the Foundation. A total of nearly nine and one half million dollars has been distributed by the Foundation since 1955. This is the fourth year Mississippi College has shared in the grants.

Gas Line Company

The United Gas Line Company, Shreveport, has contributed \$2000 to the Development Program of the college. The presentation was made by C. J. Power of Jackson, the district manager of the company and Mr. E. L. Wayne, assistant manager.

In addition to the direct gift to the college the United Gas Line Company aids private higher education in Mississippi through contributions to the Mississippi Foundation of Independent Colleges.

Miss Margaret Pettet, executive secretary of the Coe Foundation in New York has an-

nounced a grant of \$10,000 to Mississippi College to finance an American Studies Seminar during the summer of 1961. This grant will enable the college to provide an all expense social studies seminar for thirty high school teachers. President McLemore said that these gifts brought corporate support for Mississippi College to more than \$77,000 during 1960.

MC To View Film Classics

Alpha Psi Omega, national honorary dramatics fraternity, will bring the Mississippi College campus its first film series. Beginning in January there will be one film a month for a period of five months.

The films scheduled are "Don Quixote," "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," starring Jane Powell and Howard Keel; "The Cabinet of Dr. Calgari," a German Expressionistic horror film; "Genevieve," starring Humphrey Bogart.

Season tickets for the five films will cost the Mississippi College students \$2.00 each. All the films are considered classics in the field of entertainment.

JONES LEADS STATE IN 'M' NIGHT ATTENDANCE

During the recent M Night Training Union activities throughout the state, Jones Association, which met in the Civic Center Auditorium in Laurel, led in attendance. According to the official count by Paul Adams, chairman of the Tabulating Committee, 1597 persons were present to hear the program and plans the Training Union Department presented. The Association is composed of forty-six churches and Second Avenue Church led in individual church attendance with 125 present.

J. Edward Bell, Association Director, states that this is the largest M Night attendance in the history of Jones County Training Union, although the Association also led the state in 1959 with 1380.

The 100-voice choir, under the direction of Jimmy Watts, and accompanied by Mrs. Herbert Street at the organ and Bill Brown at the piano, presented a program of Christmas carols preceding the main service. The Training Union Directors of the churches in the county served as ushers

and Robert Weaver was chairman of this group.

"Be Thou Faithful" was the theme of the evening's program. The featured speaker, Dr. Landrum Leavell, pastor of the First Church, Gulfport, also based his message on this subject. Other program personalities included Rev. T. R. McKibbins, Rev. Damon Vaughn, Rev. Bob Hollifield, Rev. Guy Reedy, Rev. W. P. Young, Paul Adams and Ed Bell.

National Baptist Work To Expand

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (BP) — Southern Baptist work with National (Negro) Baptists will expand in 1961 into two states in addition to the 15 where they are now co-operating.

Virtor Glass of Atlanta Ga., associate secretary of the Home Mission Board's Department of National Baptist Work, made the announcement following the annual conference of workers in Memphis.

The new states will be New Mexico and Kansas.